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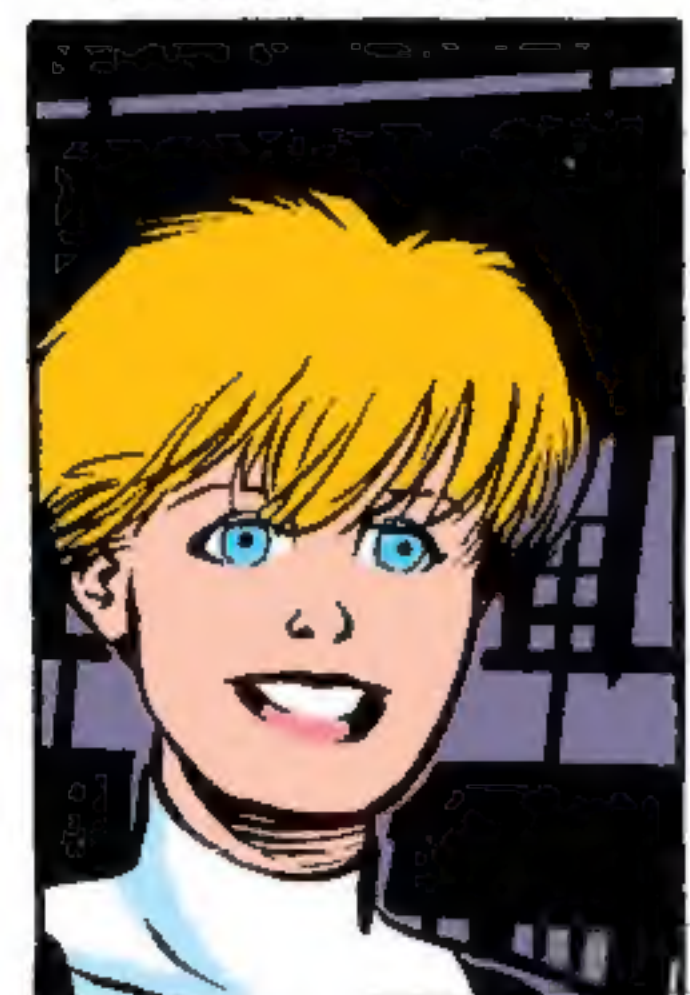


## LEGIONNAIRE ROLL CALL



### APPARITION

Tinya Wazzo  
Phantom Powers



### GOSSAMER

Ayla Ranzz  
Gravity-Cancelling Powers



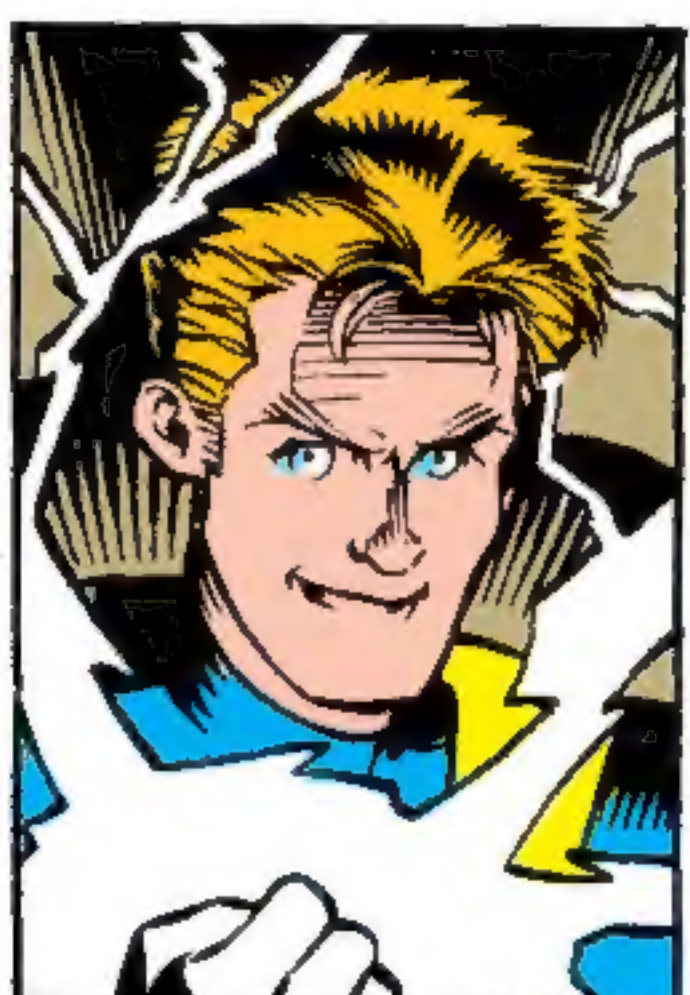
### INFERNO

Dirk Morgna  
Radiates Heat & Light



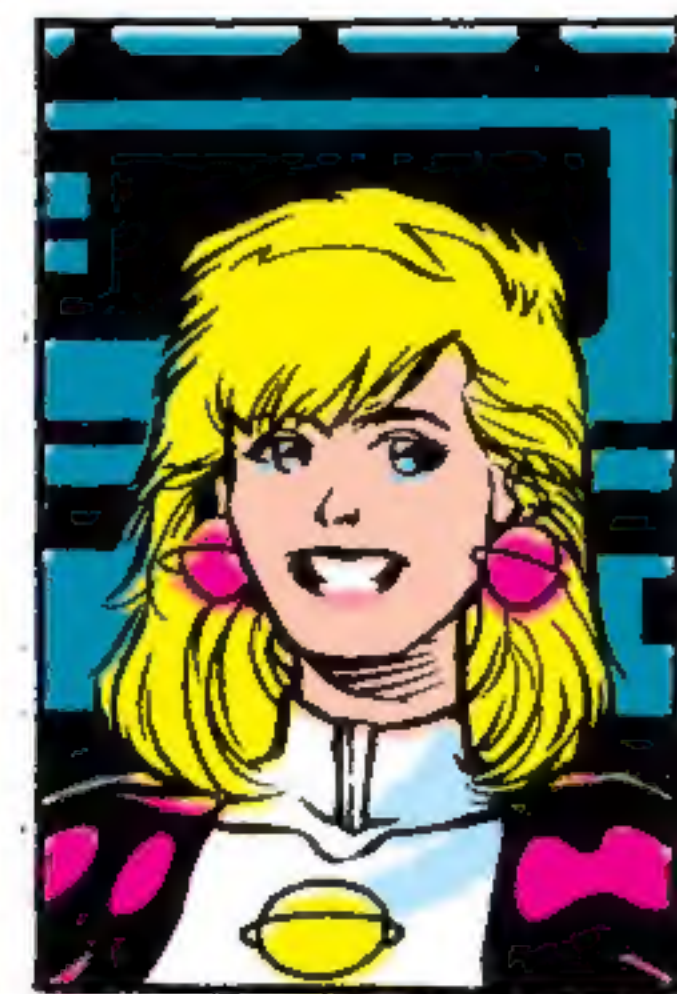
### LEVIATHAN

Gim Allon  
Super-Growth



### LIVE WIRE

Garth Ranzz  
Lightning Powers



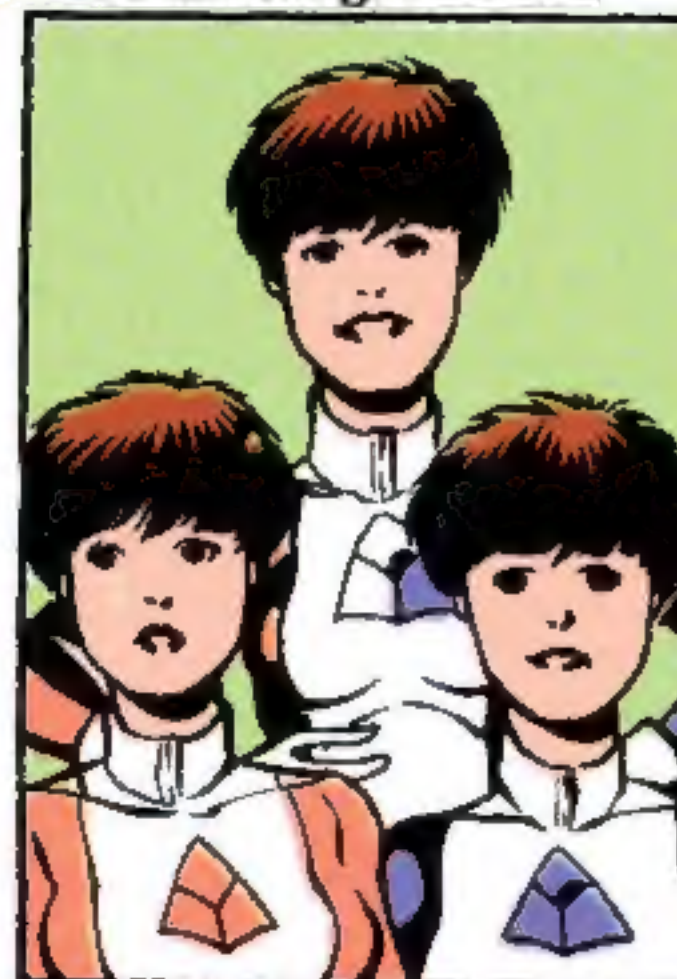
### SATURN GIRL

Imra Ardeen  
Telepathy



### SHRINKING VIOLET

Salu Digby  
Shrinking Powers



### TRIAD

Luornu Durgo  
Triplicates



### ULTRA BOY

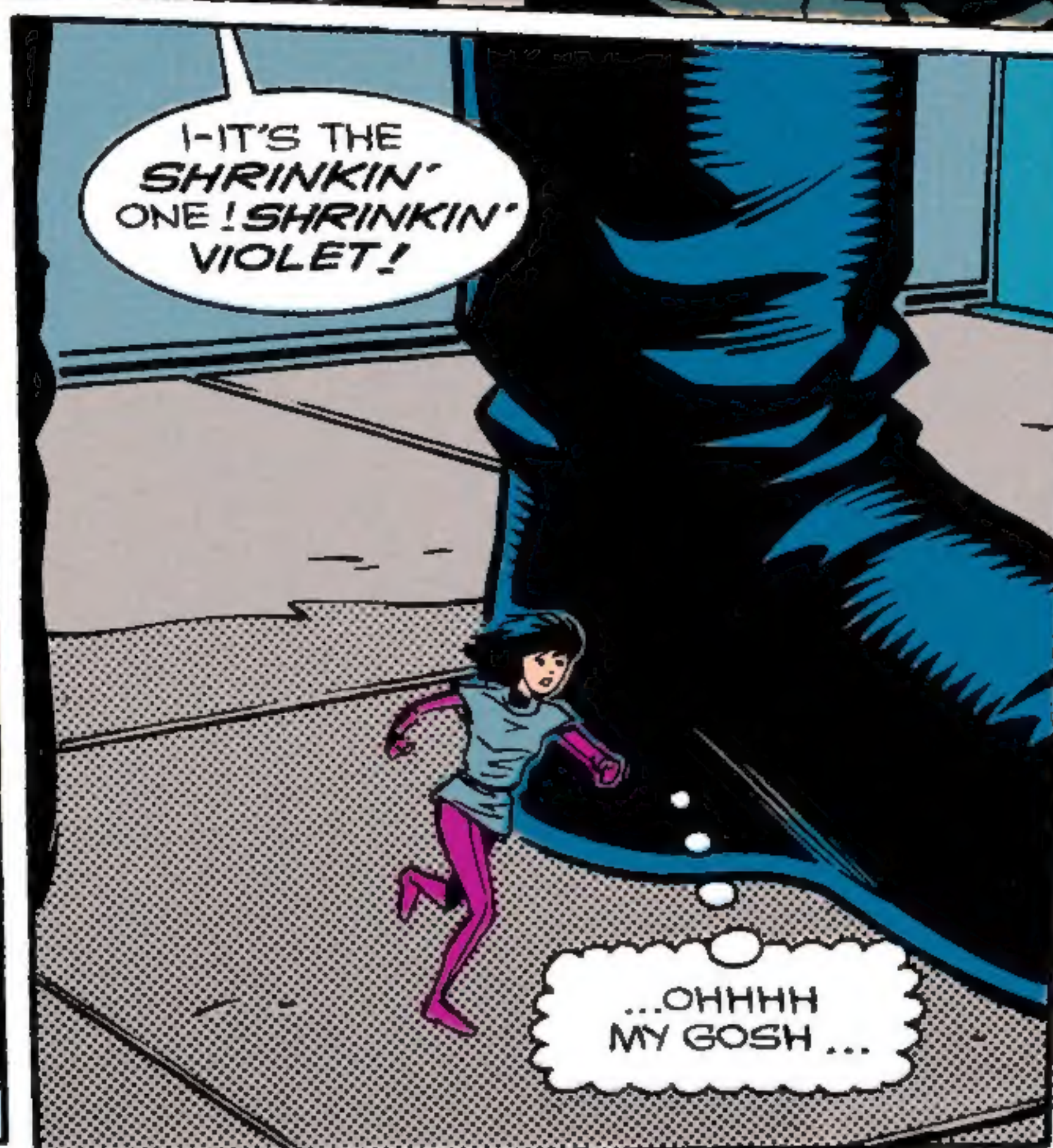
Jo Nah  
Ultra-Energy Powers

### and the other LEGIONNAIRES

TOM & MARY  
BIERBAUM  
WRITERS  
CHRIS  
SPOUSE  
PENCILLER  
KARL  
STORY  
INKER  
PAT  
BROSSEAU  
LETTERER  
TOM  
MCCRAW  
COLORIST  
EDDIE  
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KC  
CARLSON  
EDITOR

SPECIAL THANKS  
TO WADE  
GRAWBADGER

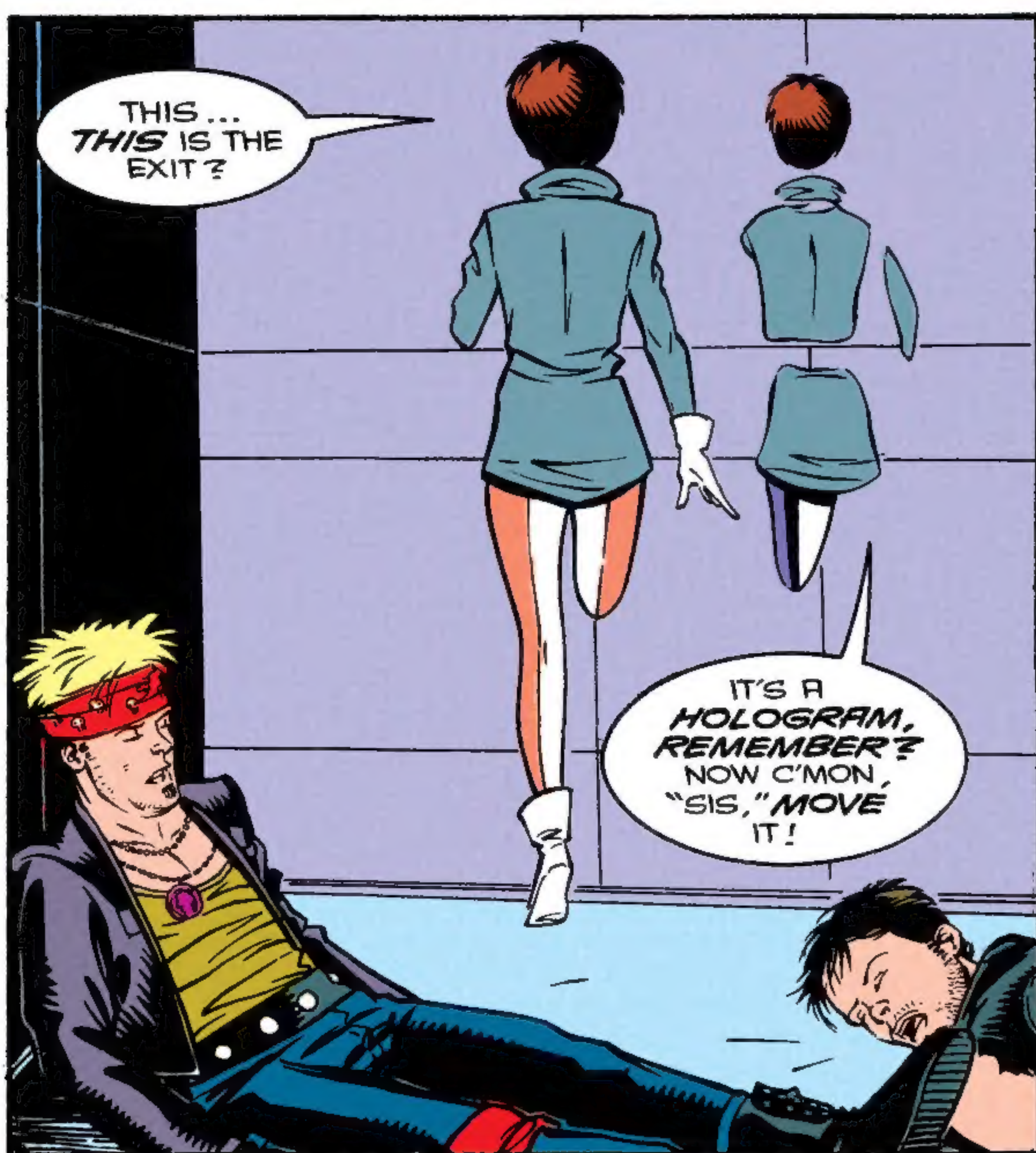
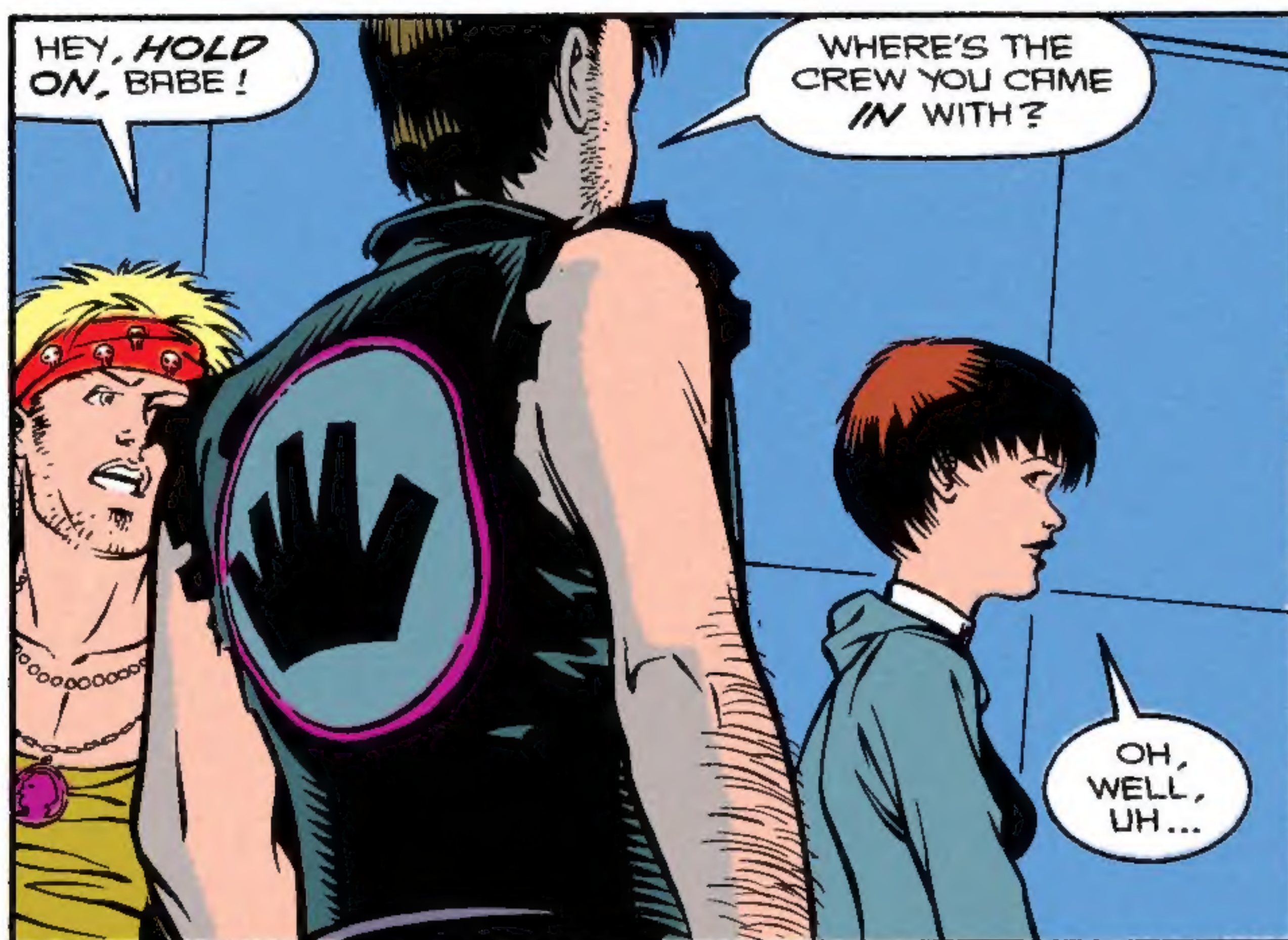




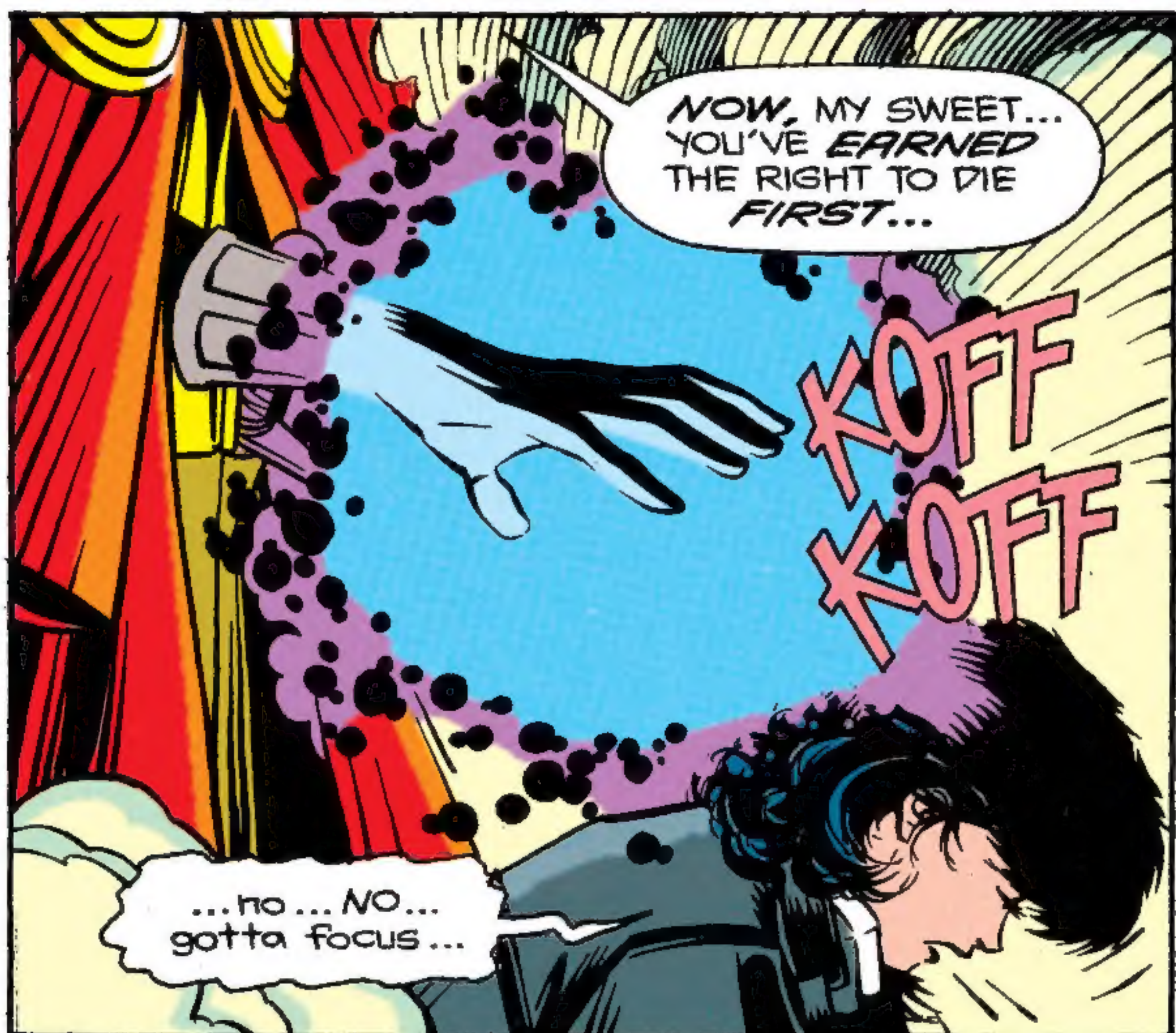
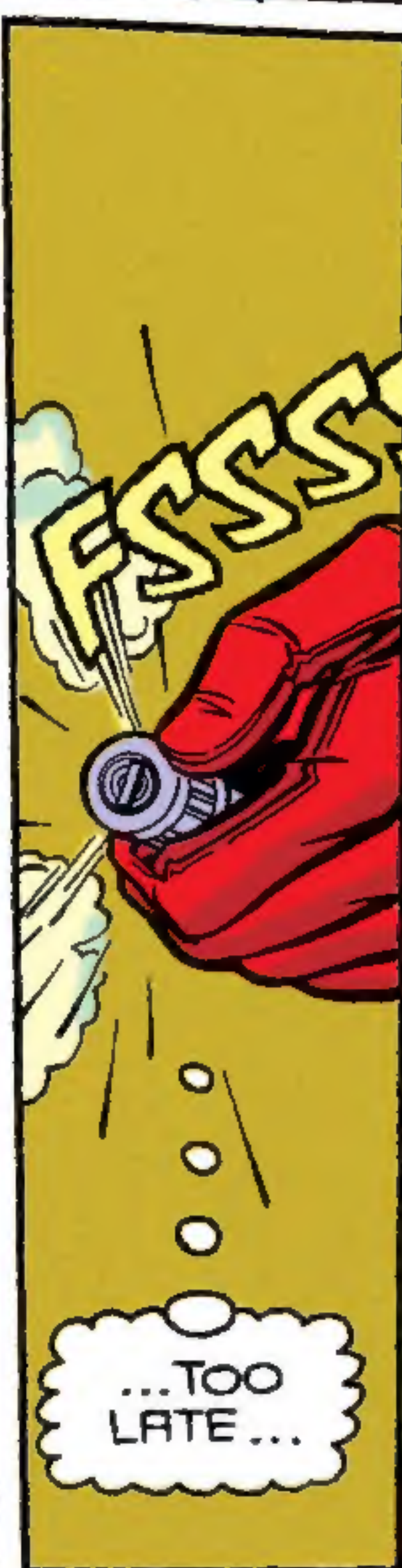
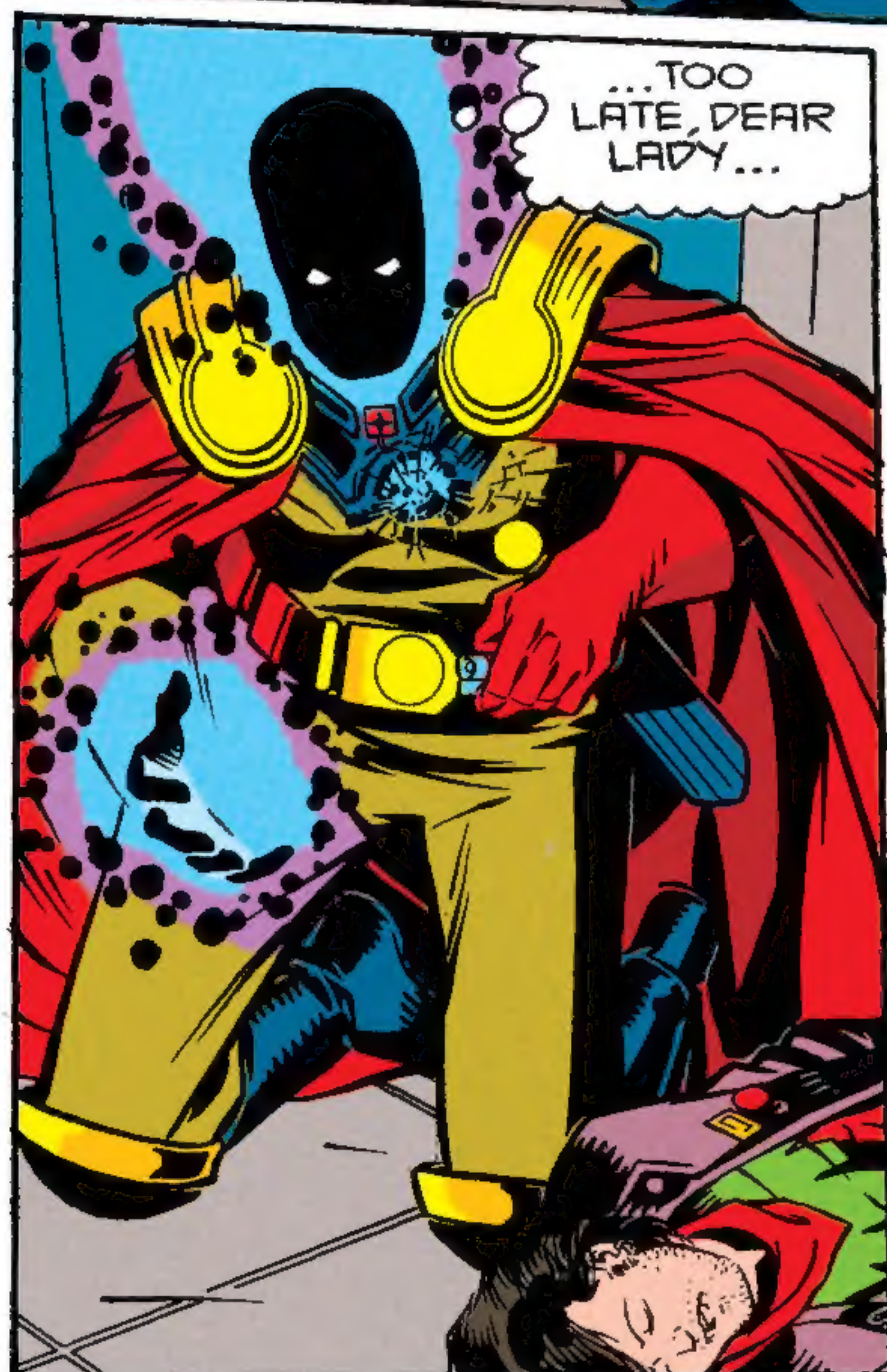




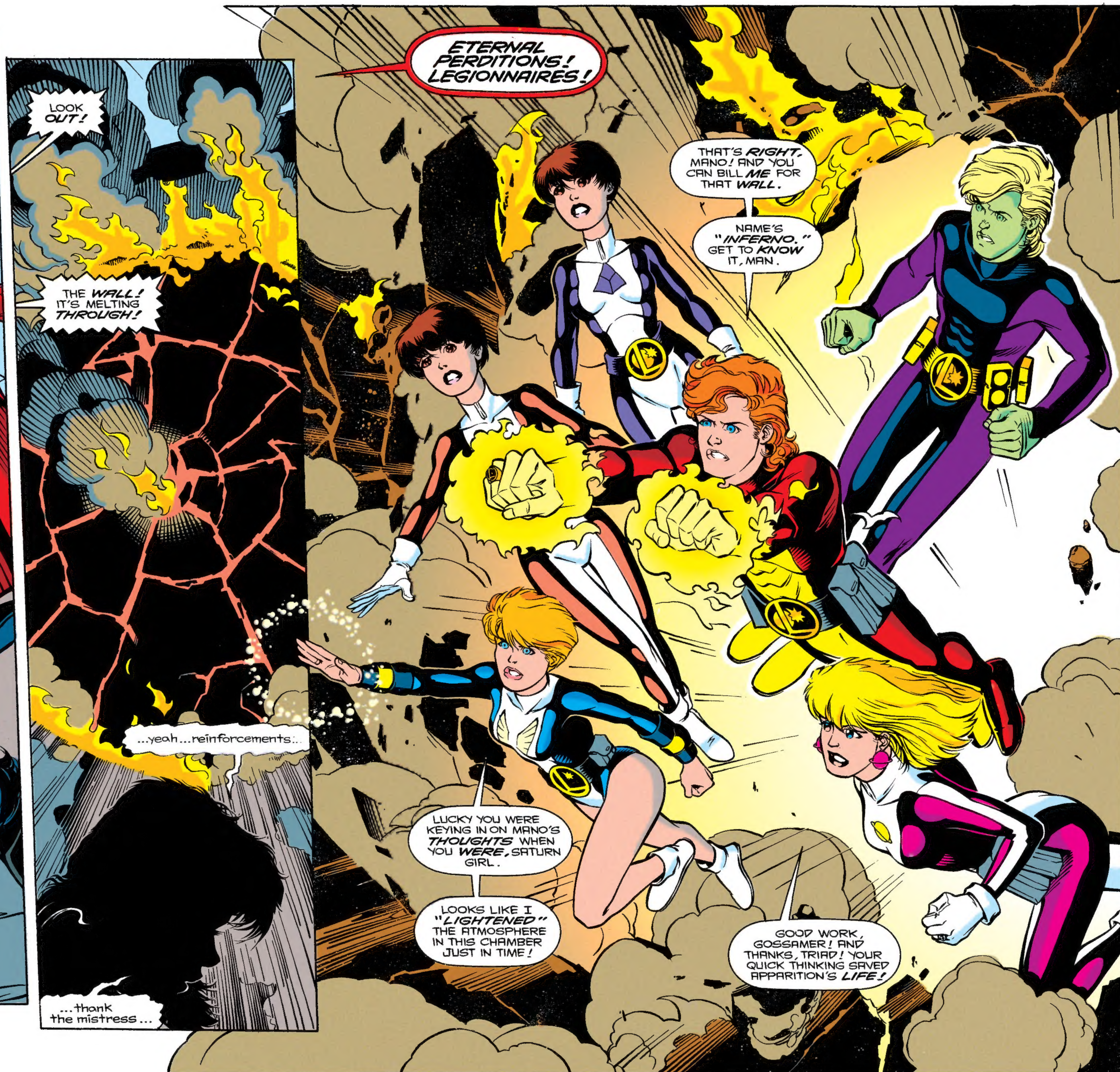
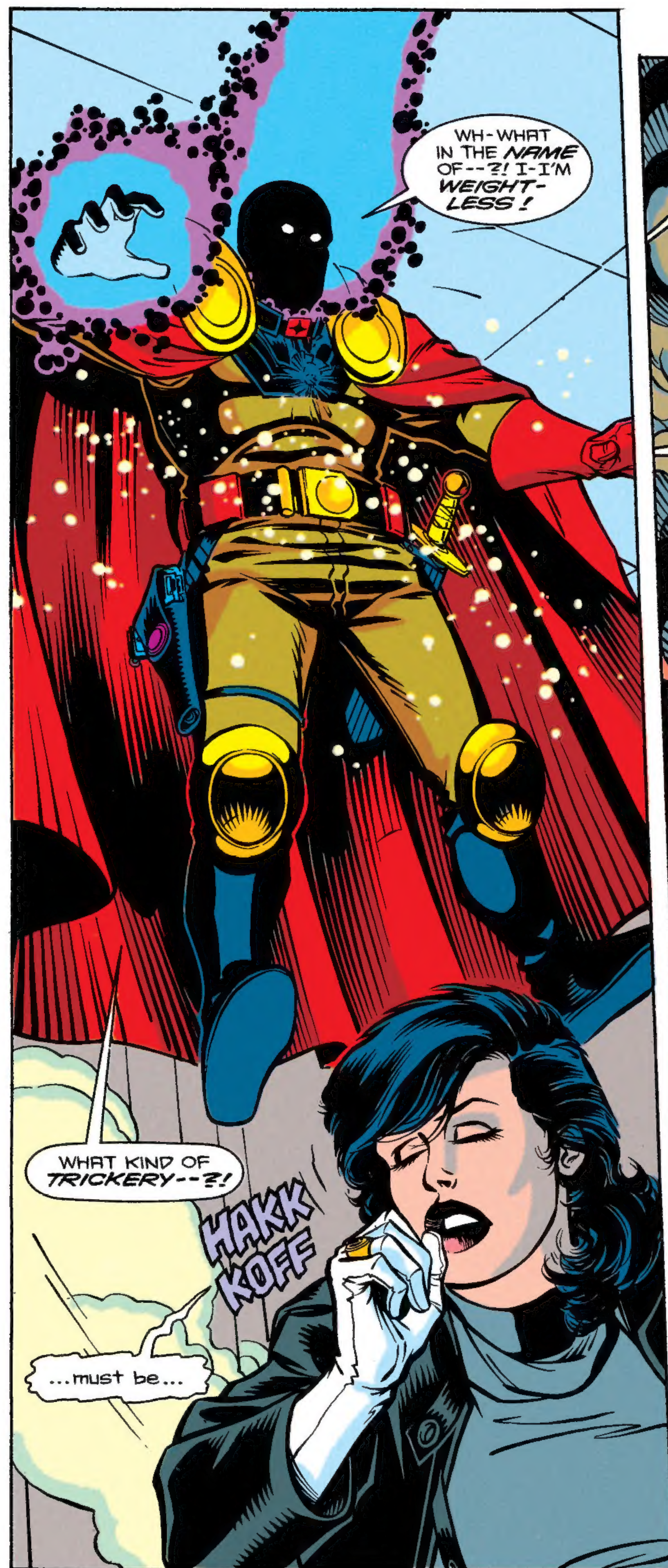




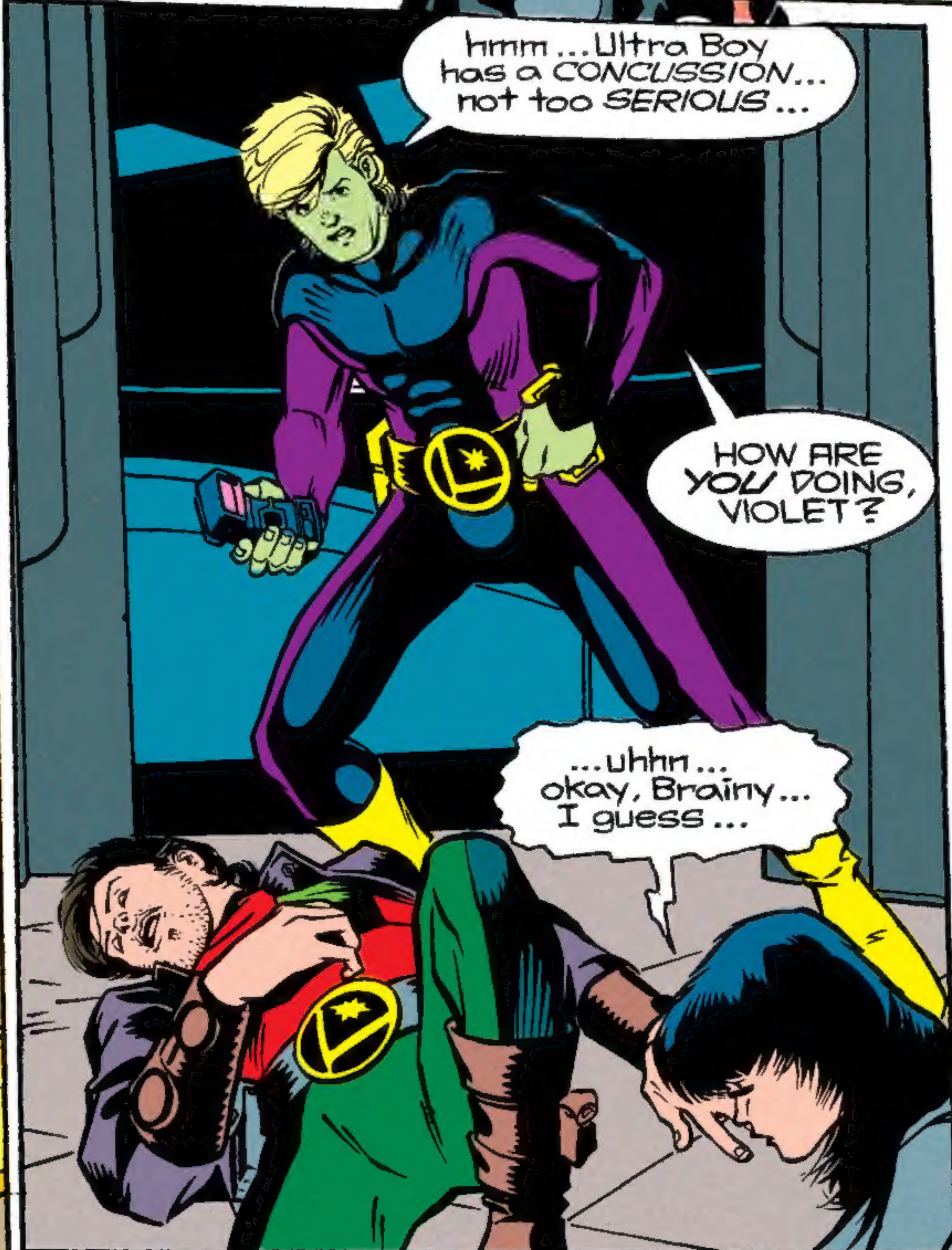
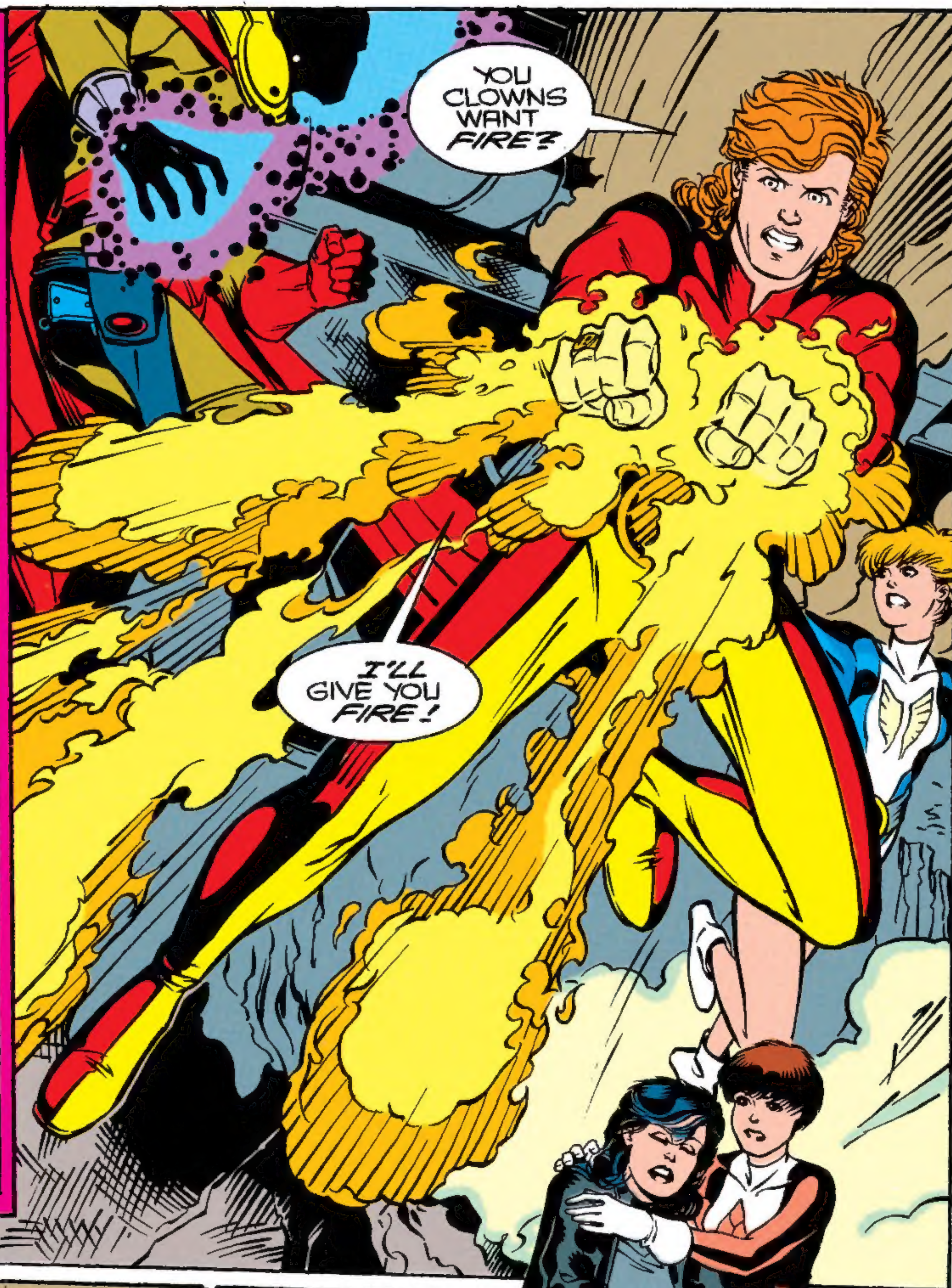




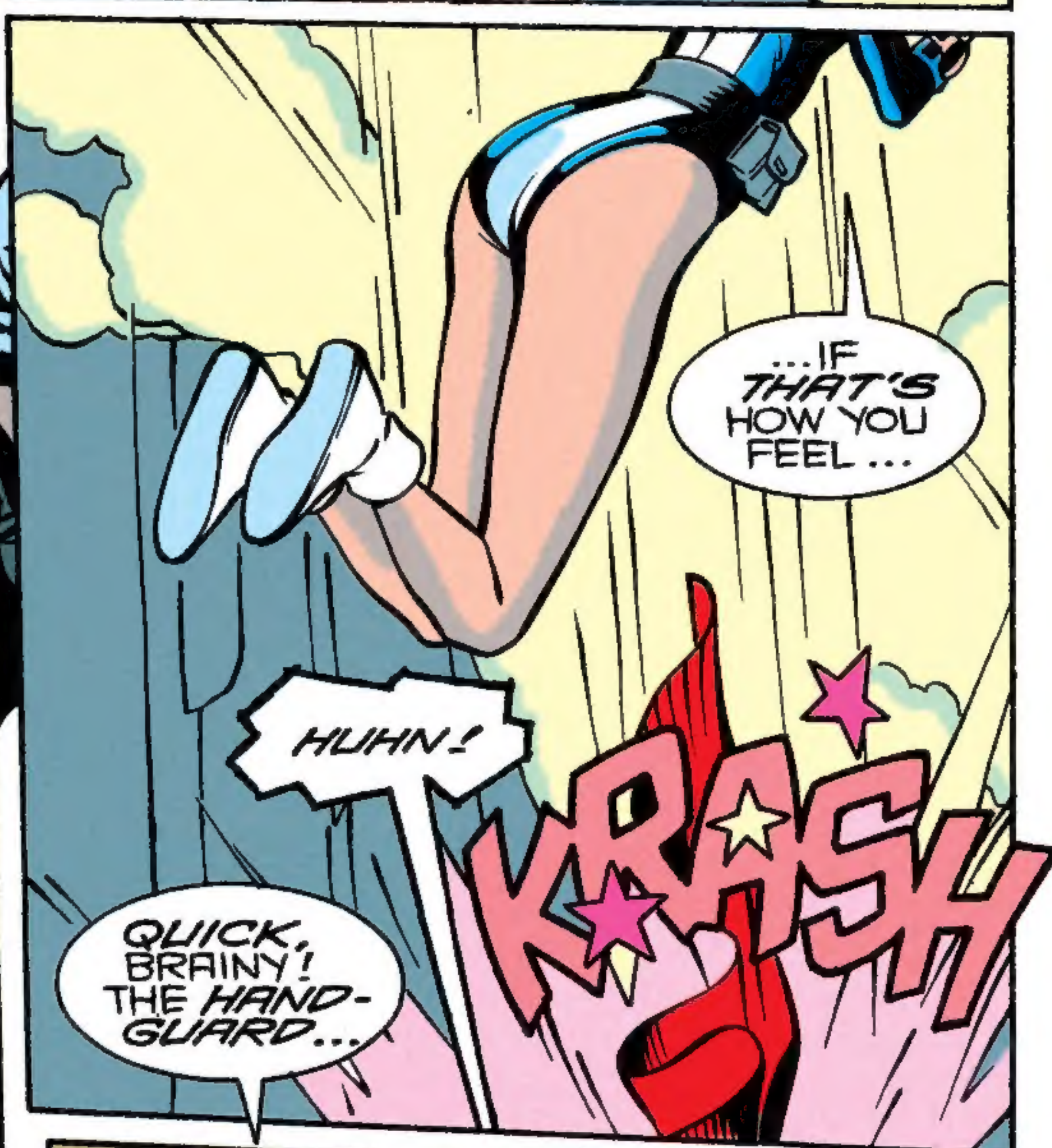
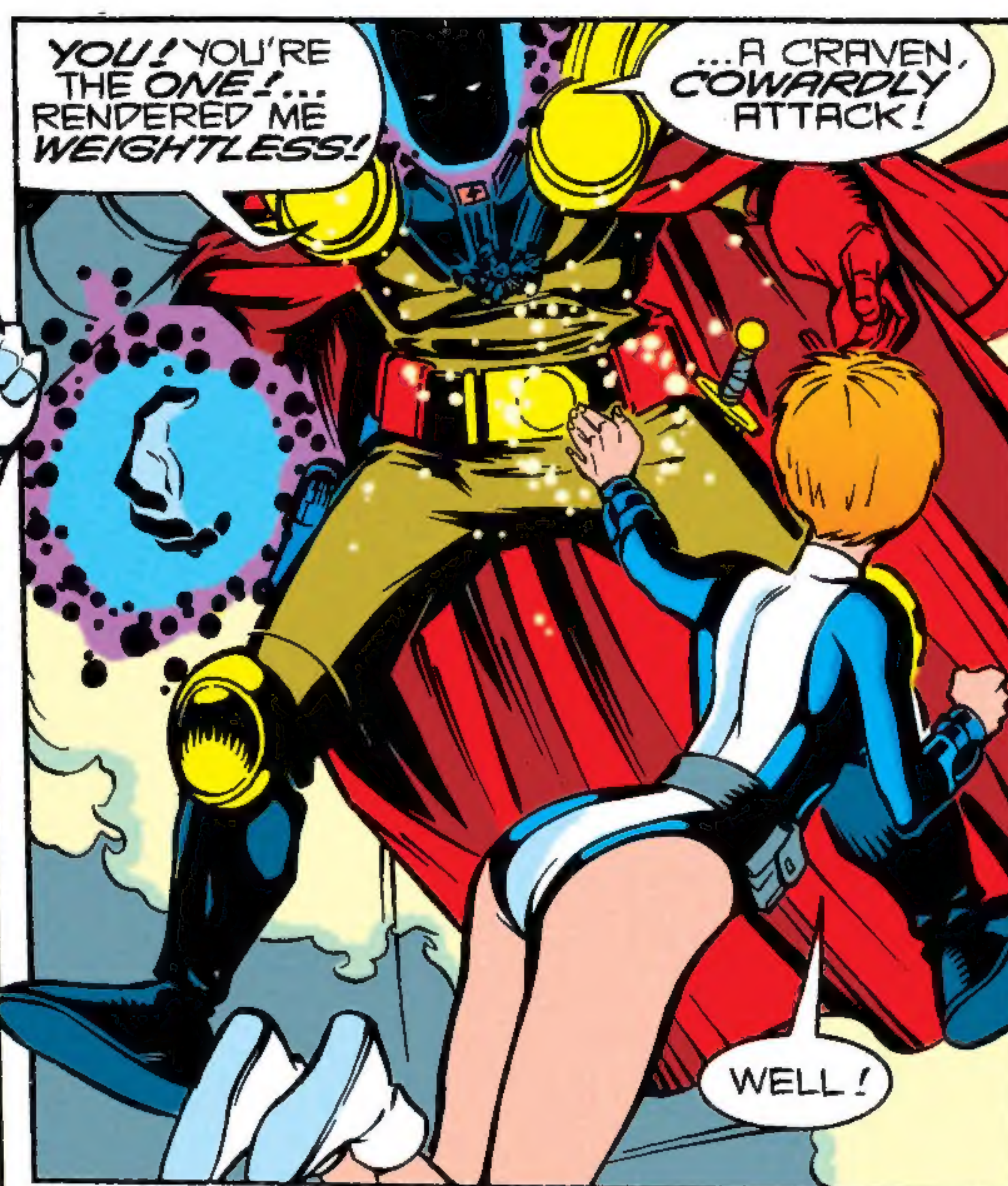
















MINUTES LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF SEAN ERIN, CHIEF OF SCIENCE POLICE EARTH...

"HE WON'T TALK. WON'T SAY A WORD..."



...WHICH IS COPESETIC WITH ME. LET HIM TAKE THE FALL FOR ALL THE DESTRUCTION HIS GANG COMMITTED.

EVEN IF SOMEBODY ELSE WAS PROBABLY PULLING THE STRINGS.



TRIAD IS RIGHT, MANO. YOU DIDN'T COME UP WITH ALL THAT TECHNOLOGY YOURSELF. SOMEBODY'S BACKING YOU.

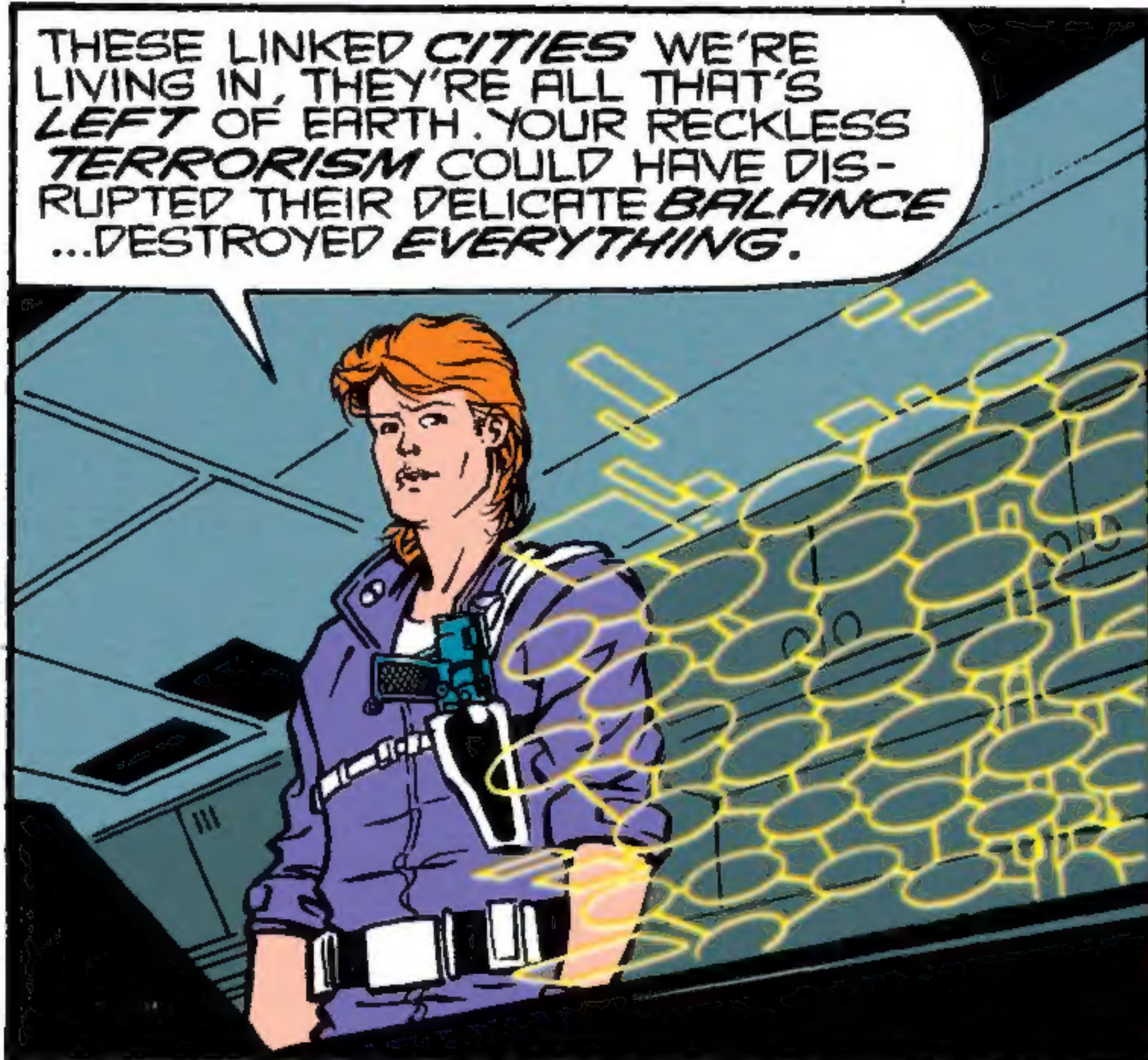
CARE TO TELL US WHO?



CARE TO GO TO HELL?

...yeah, yeah...

Y'KNOW, MANO, THIS IS A HELL OF A DANGEROUS GAME YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING...



THESE LINKED CITIES WE'RE LIVING IN, THEY'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT OF EARTH. YOUR RECKLESS TERRORISM COULD HAVE DISRUPTED THEIR DELICATE BALANCE ...DESTROYED EVERYTHING.



MY HEART BLEEDS.



HEY, YOU JUST THINK ABOUT IT, MANO, WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR YOUR REHAB THERAPY TO TAKE HOLD.

I'VE GOT A FEELING IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG WAIT.





FAR BELOW, IN THE SERVICE TUNNELS BENEATH METROPOLIS...

SO, WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE LIGGETT?

I DON'T KNOW. YESTERDAY, DAY BEFORE... I'M SURE THERE'S A RATIONAL EXPLANATION FOR ALL OF THIS.



PEOPLE DON'T JUST DISAPPEAR DOWN HERE FOR NO REASON.

HA. HE'S PROBABLY JUST HOME SLEEPING ONE OFF, OR SOMETHIN'.



WELL-- OH MY GAWN! I-IS THAT HIM?

LIGGETT? IS THAT YOU, LAD?



SHEEZ, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S --

GOOD GAWN!



HSHHH

WH-WHAT COULD'VE DONE THIS TO HIM?!

I DON'T THINK I WANNA KNOW!



WHA--? NO!!

SHOOT IT! SHOOT IT!

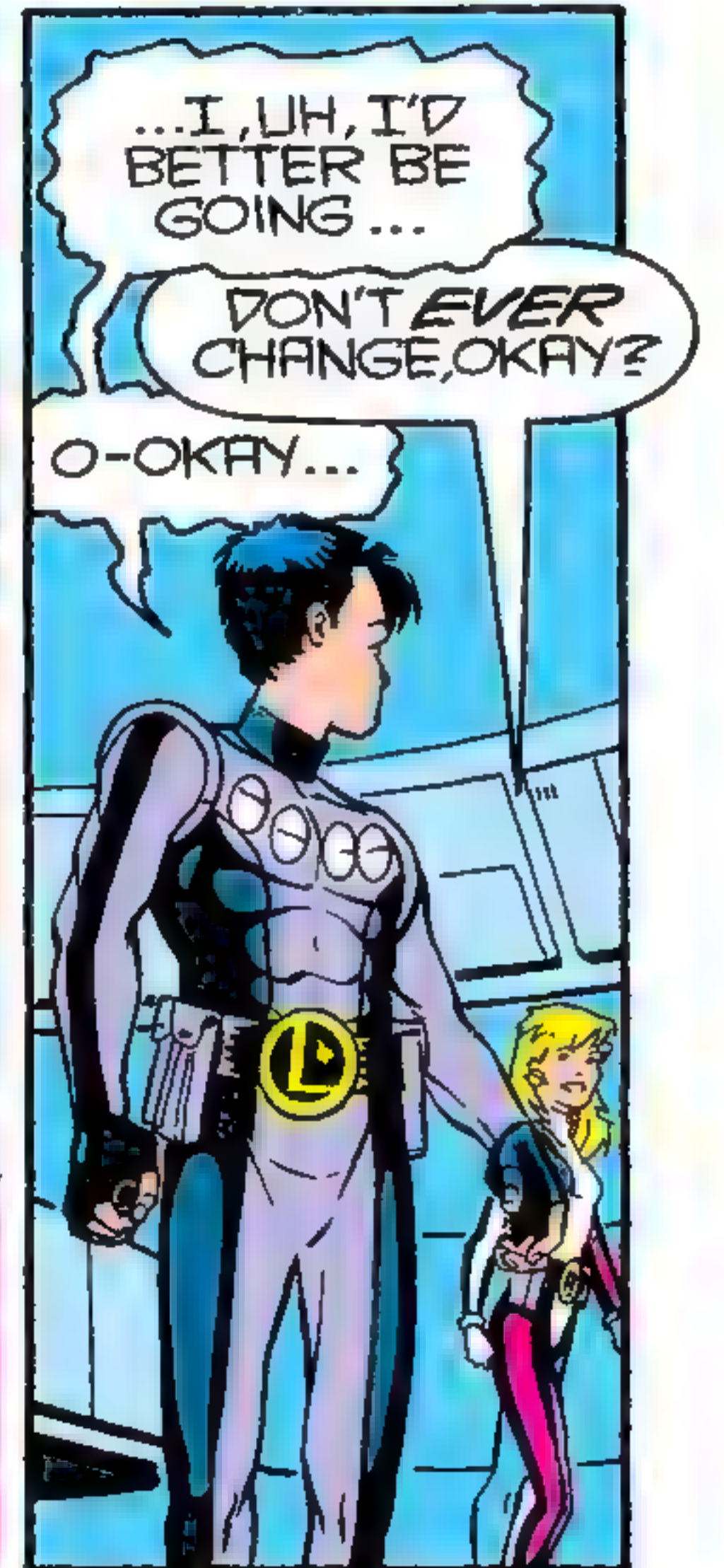
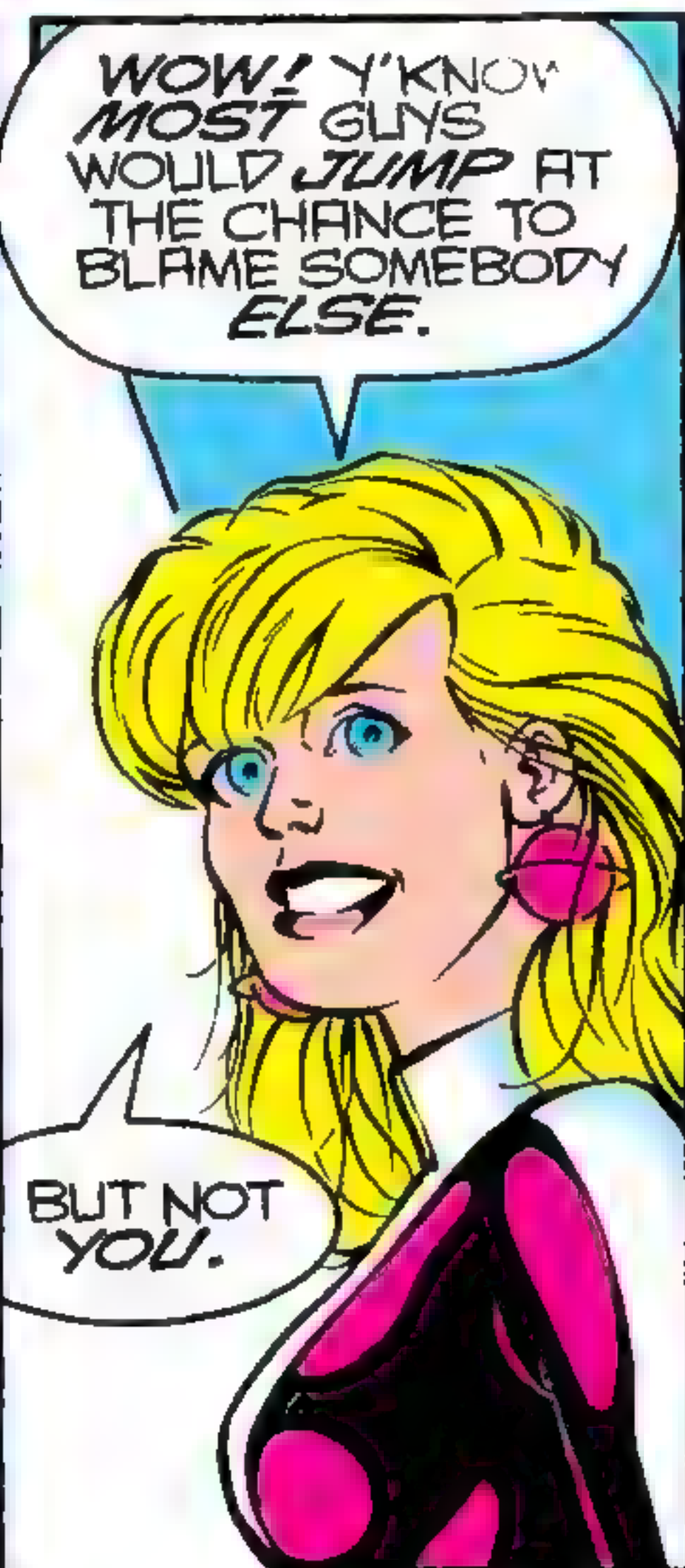
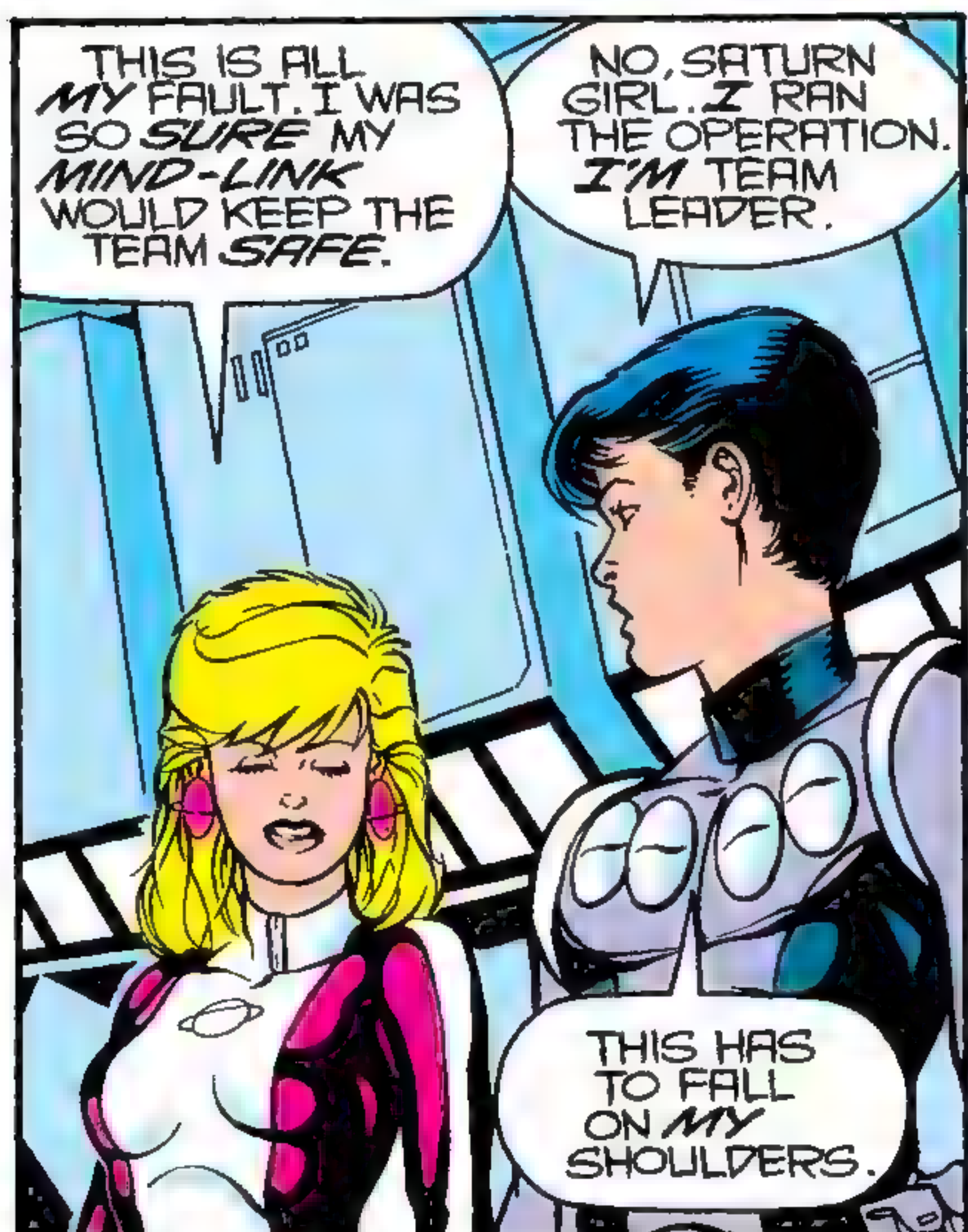
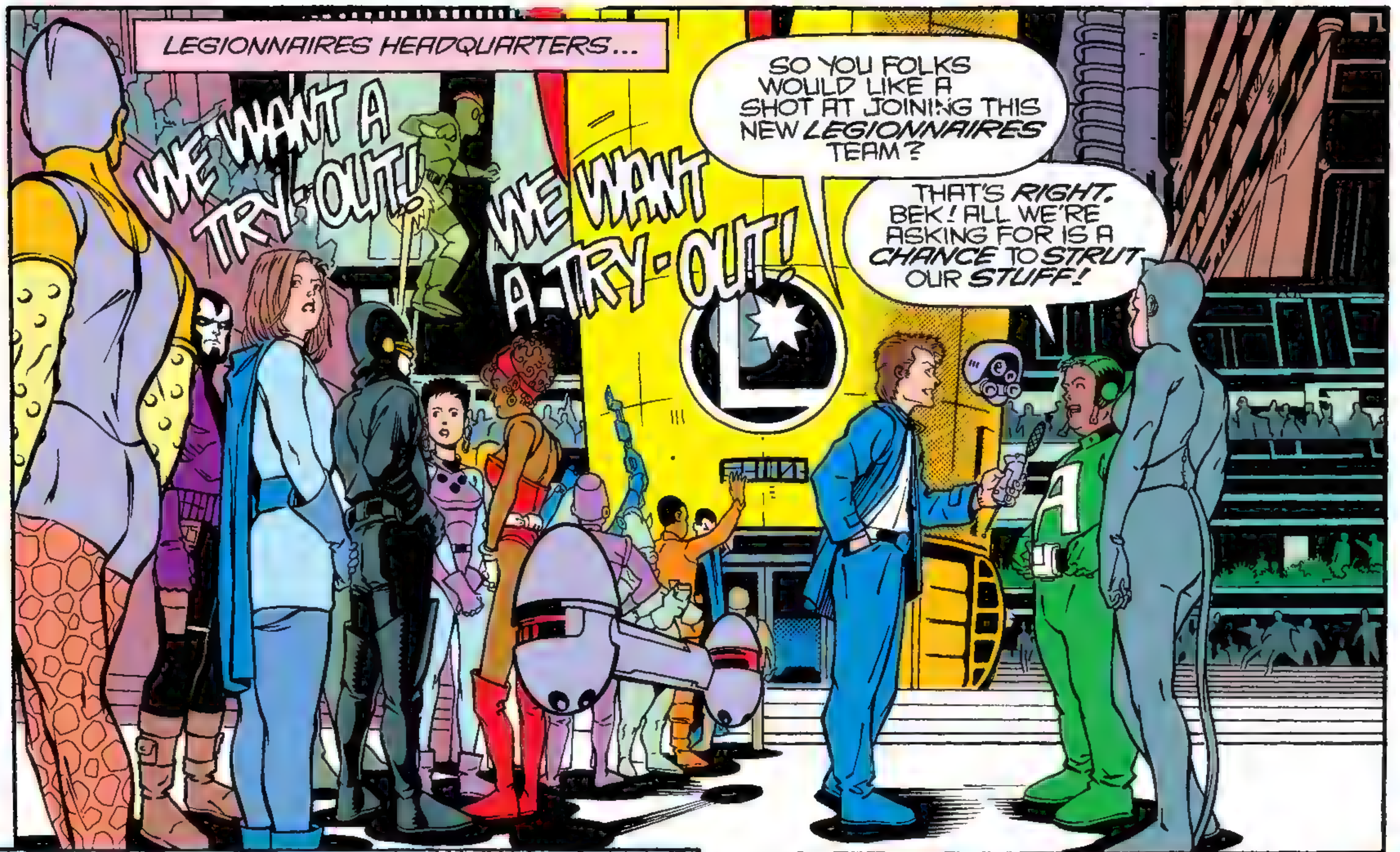
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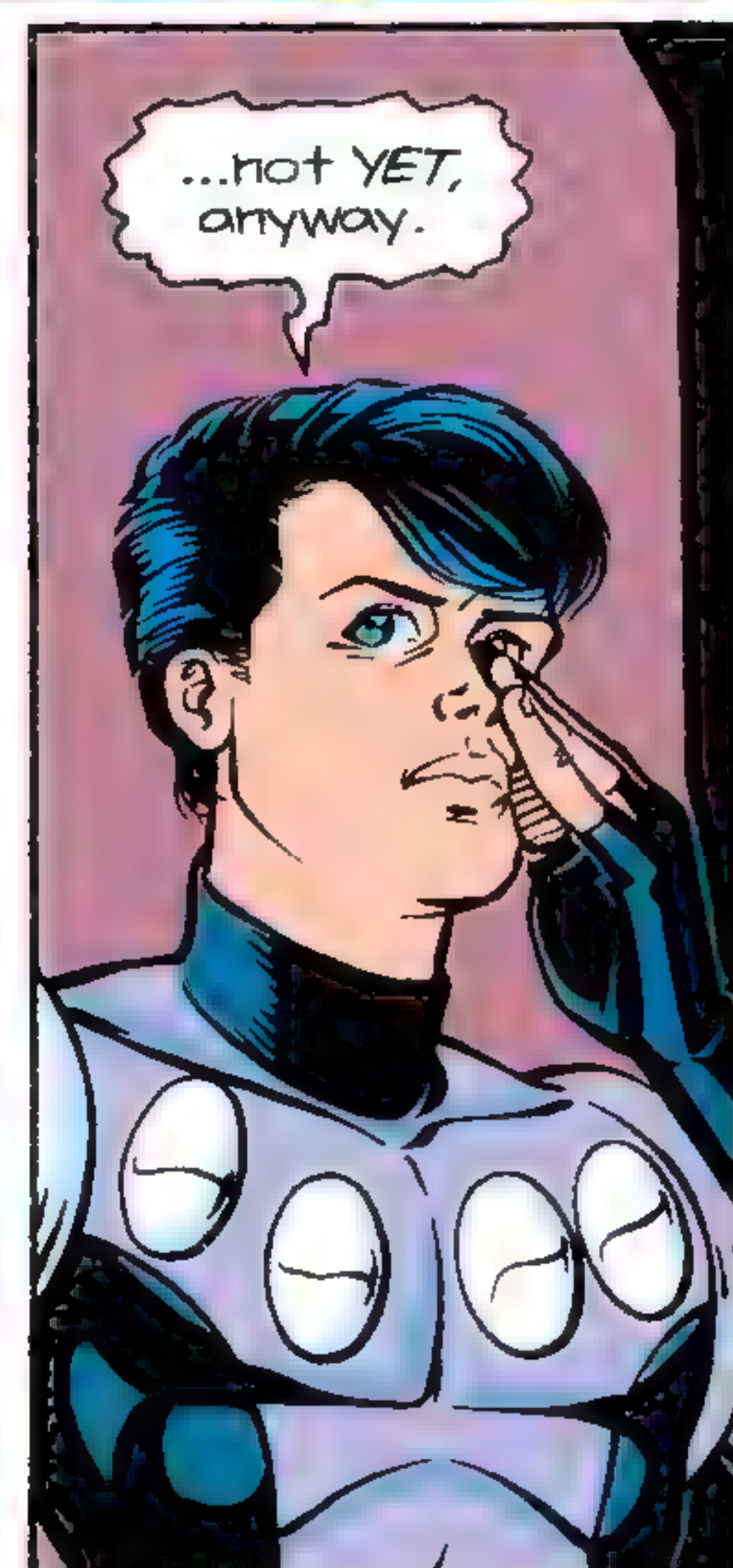
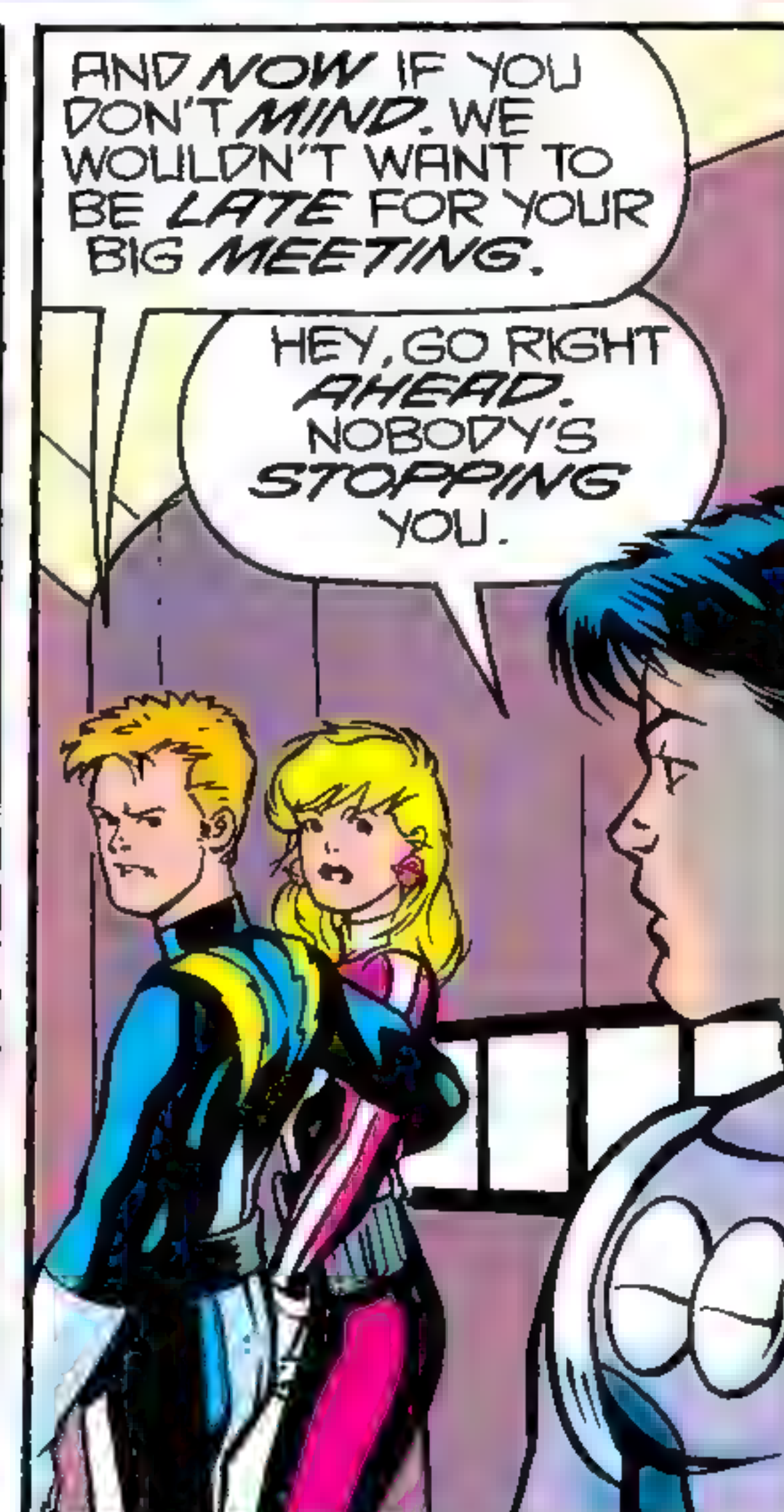
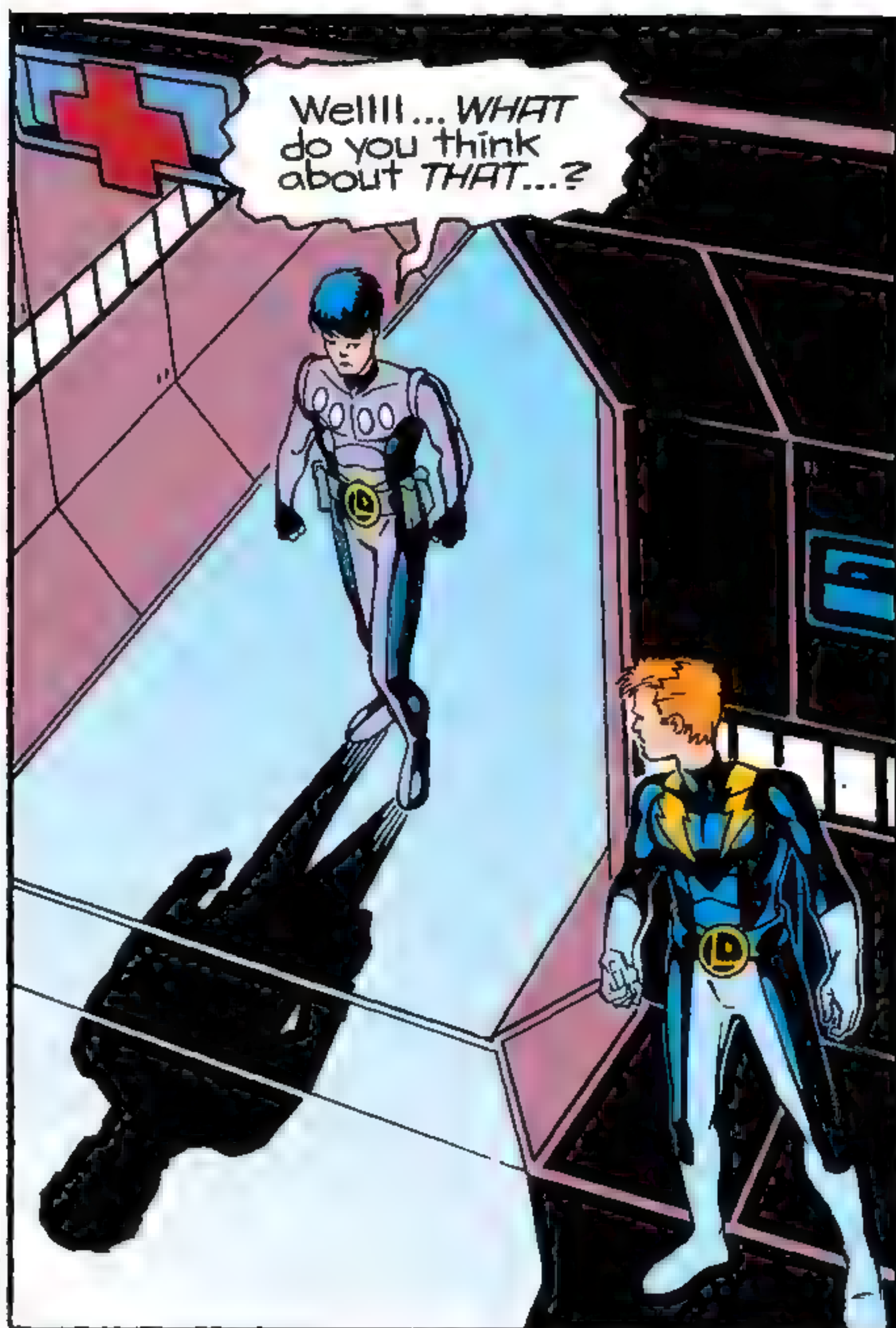
ALIGHN!

HHHELP--\*

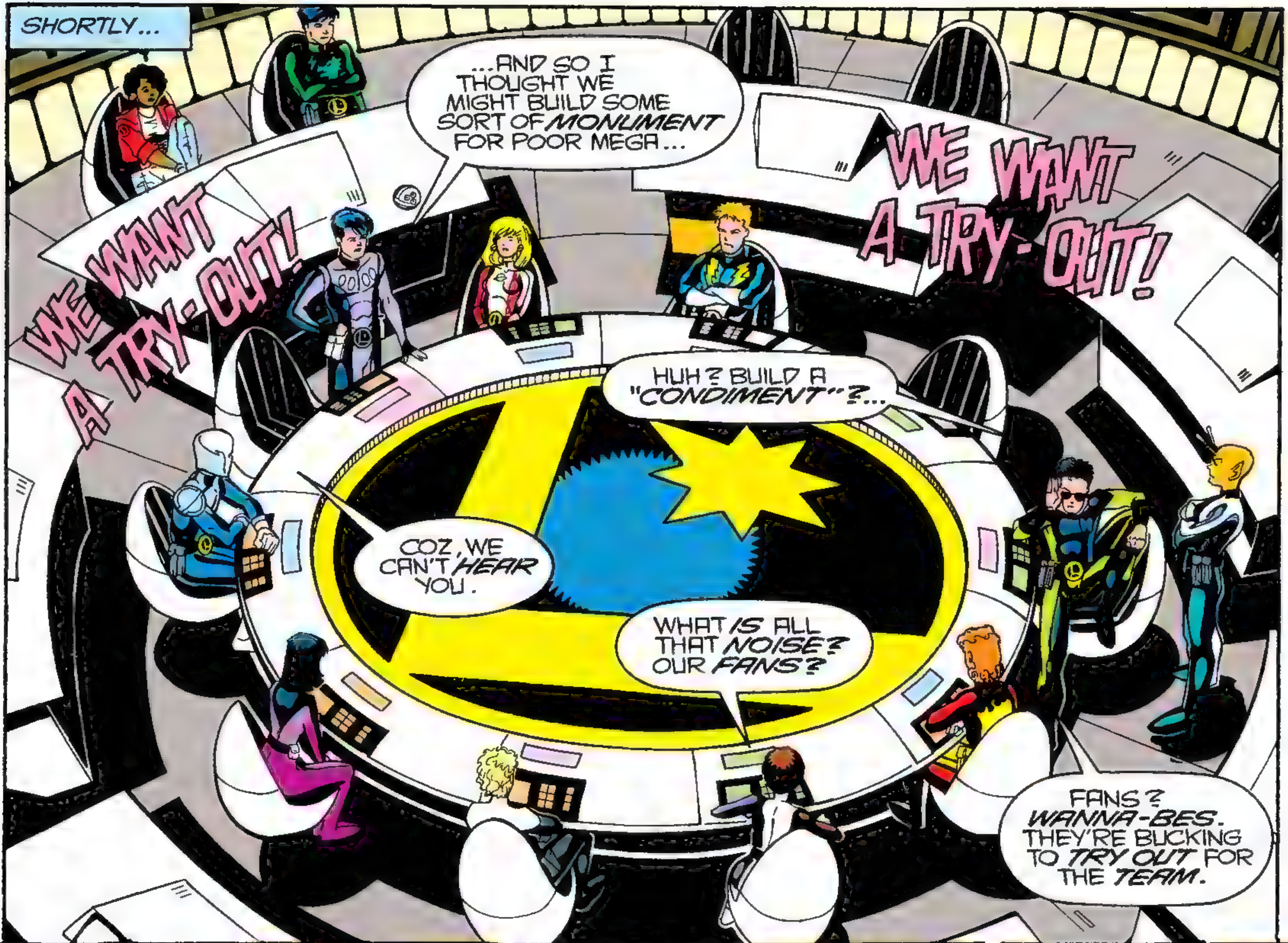












SHORTLY...

...AND SO I THOUGHT WE MIGHT BUILD SOME SORT OF MONUMENT FOR POOR MEGA...

WE WANT A TRY-OUT!

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HUH? BUILD A "CONDIMENT"?...

COZ, WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

WHAT IS ALL THAT NOISE? OUR FANS?

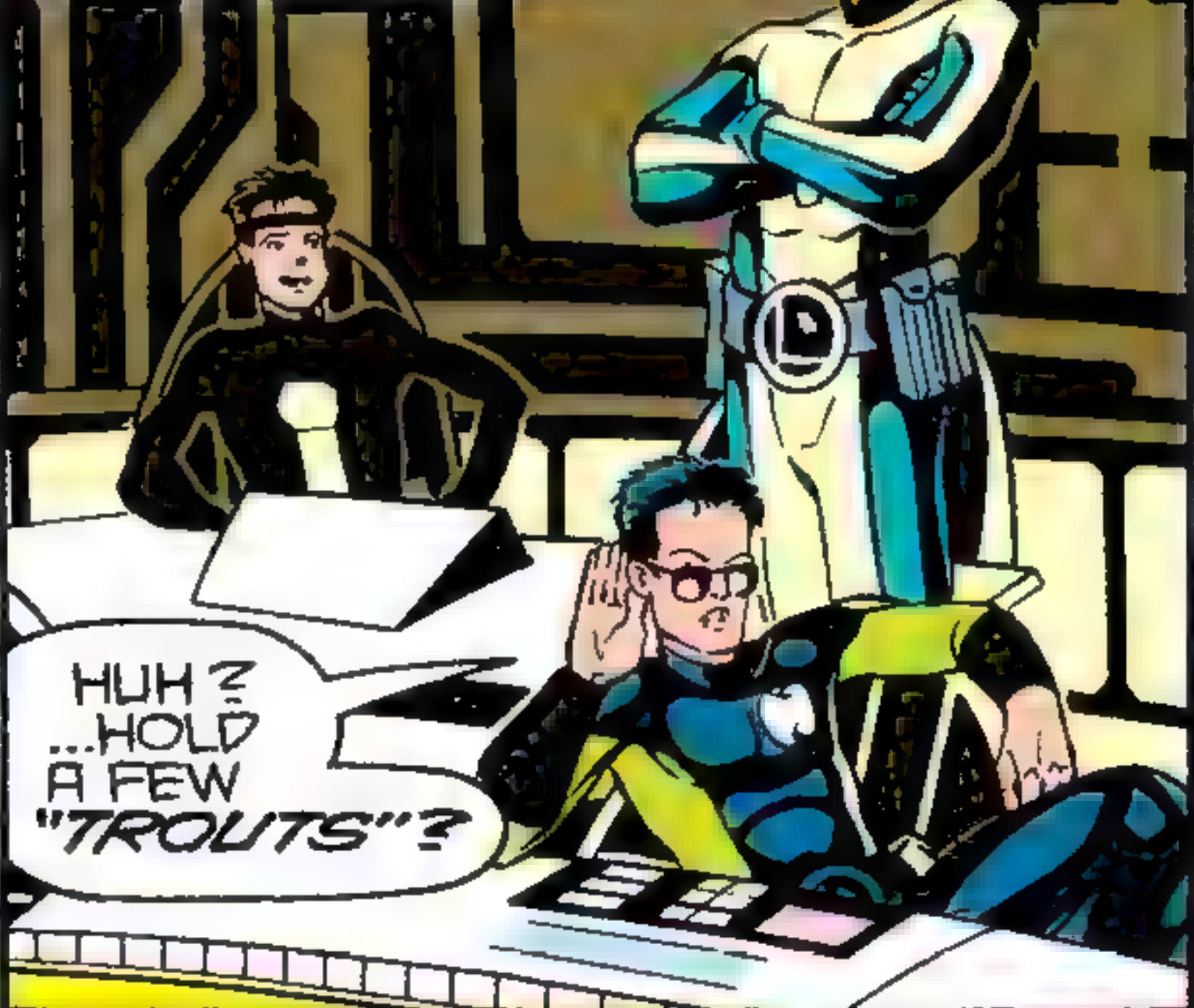
FANS? WANNA-BES. THEY'RE BUCKING TO TRY OUT FOR THE TEAM.

YEAH, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CROWD OUT THERE IS GETTING A LITTLE ROWDY.



WE WANT A TRY-OUT!!!

COZ, WHY NOT JUST GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT? HOLD A FEW TRY-OUTS.



HUH? ...HOLD A FEW "TROUTS"?

UM, OKAY, CHAM, IF YOU SAY SO...



SOON...

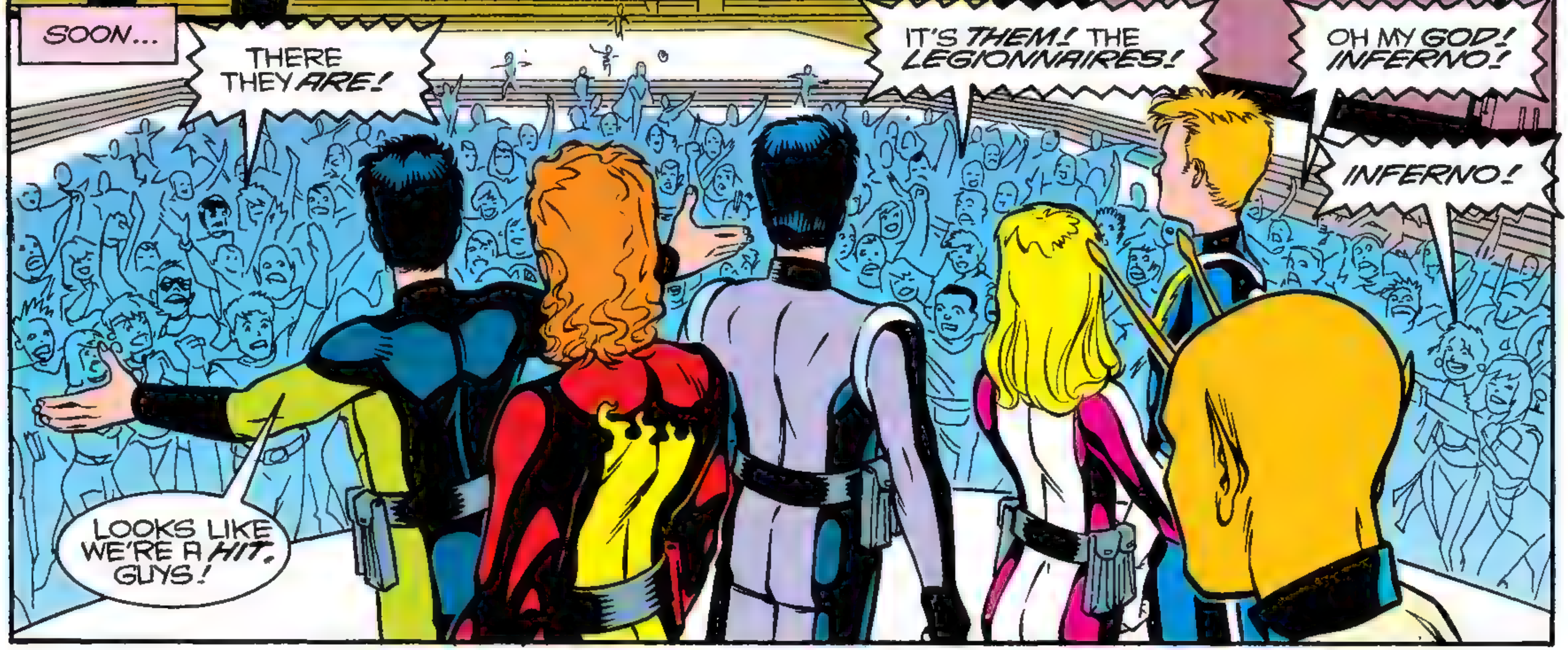
THERE THEY ARE!

IT'S THEM! THE LEGIONNAIRES!

OH MY GOD! INFERNO!

INFERNO!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE A HIT, GUYS!







MAN! TALK ABOUT PRODIGIOUS!

YOU SAID IT!

PEOPLE! PEOPLE, PLEASE! YOU'RE DISRUPTING THE ENTIRE AREA!

THANK YOU, EVERYBODY!! THANK YOU!

WE LOVE YA!

PLEASE, EVERYBODY, PLEASE, QUIET DOWN!



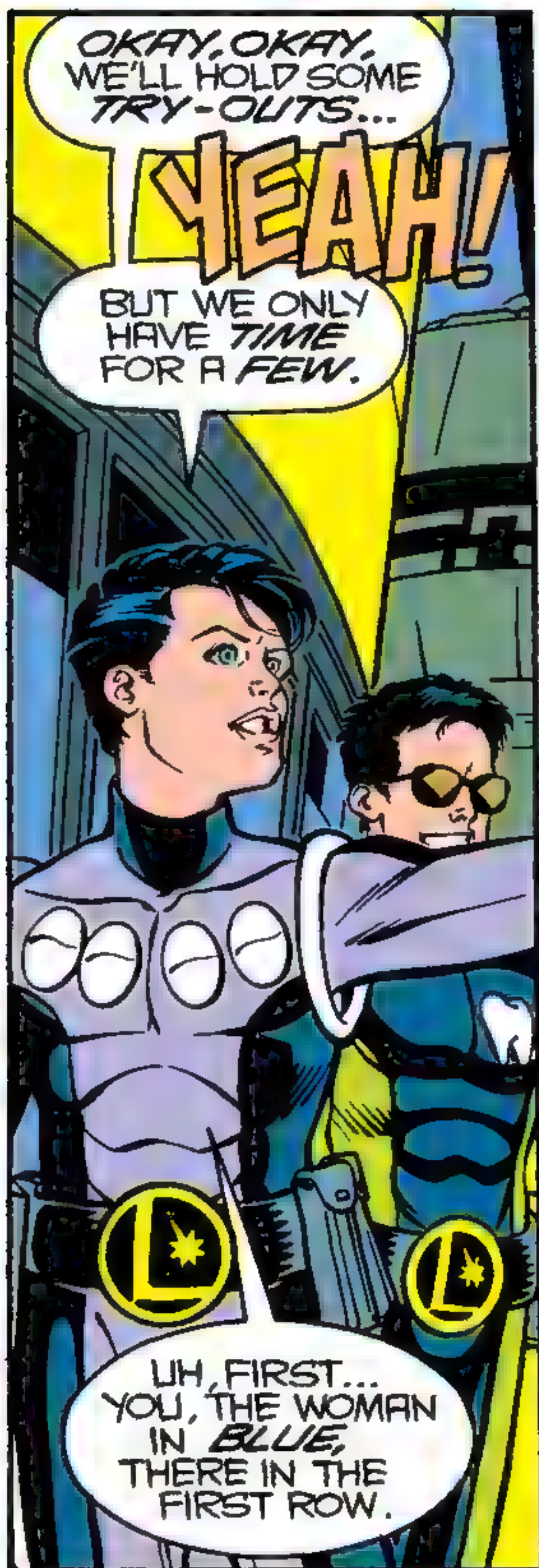
WE WANT A TRY-OUT!

WE WANT A TRY-OUT!



THEY'RE READY TO RIOT! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

I'D SAY YOU'D BETTER START HOLDING SOME TRY-OUTS.

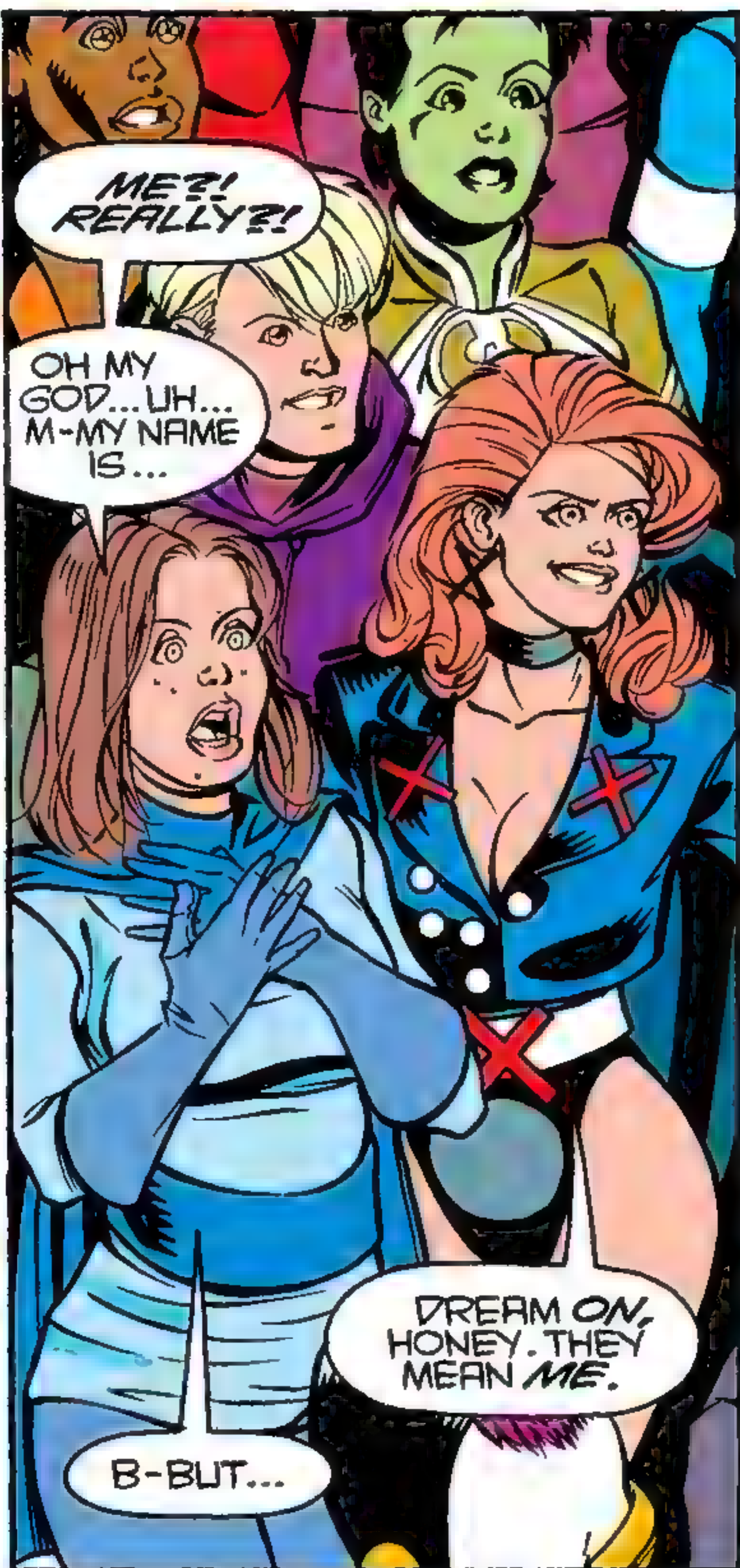


OKAY, OKAY, WE'LL HOLD SOME TRY-OUTS...

YEAH!

BUT WE ONLY HAVE TIME FOR A FEW.

UH, FIRST... YOU, THE WOMAN IN BLUE, THERE IN THE FIRST ROW.

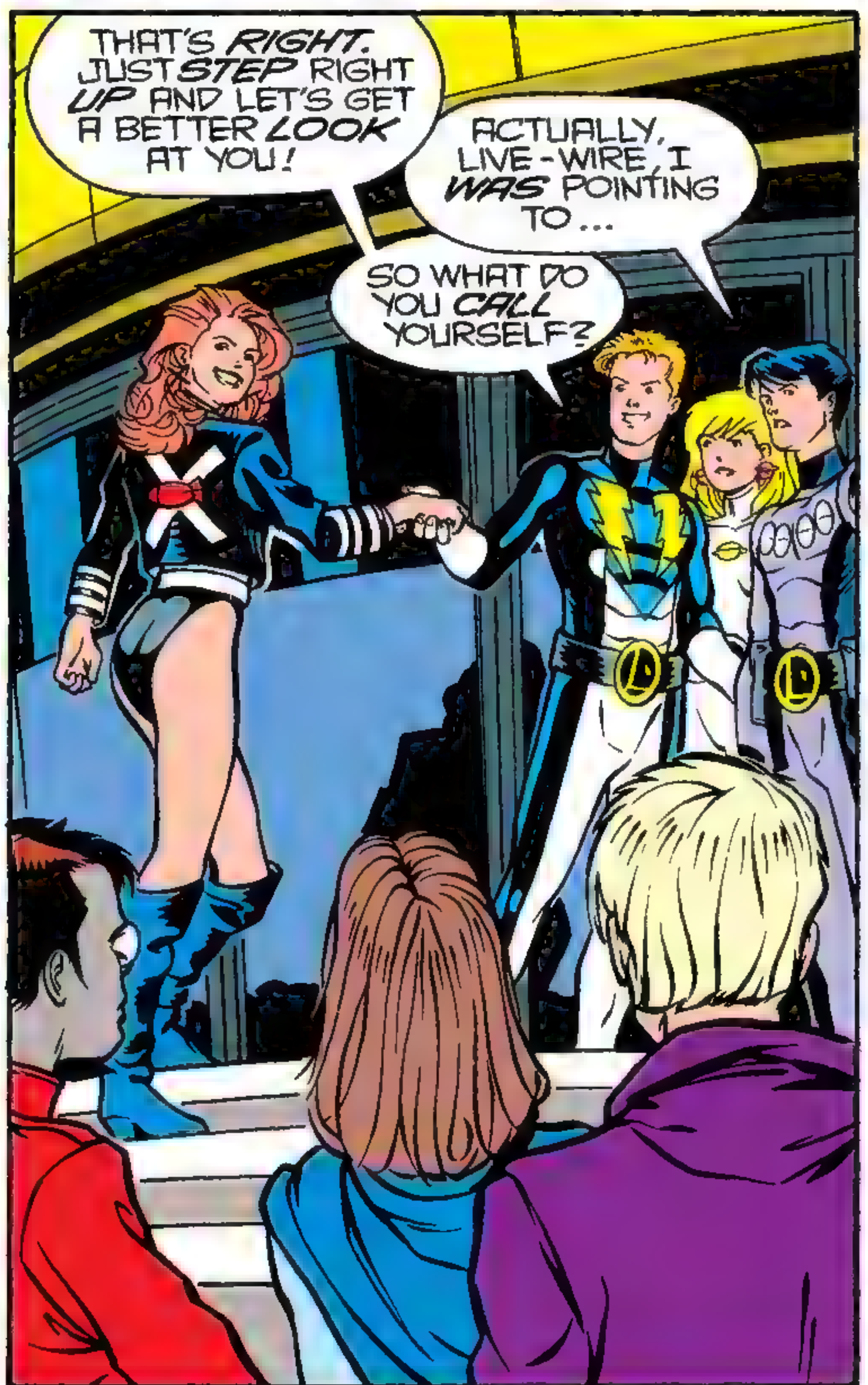


ME?! REALLY?!

OH MY GOD... UH... M-MY NAME IS...

DREAM ON, HONEY. THEY MEAN ME.

B-BUT...



THAT'S RIGHT. JUST STEP RIGHT UP AND LET'S GET A BETTER LOOK AT YOU!

ACTUALLY, LIVE-WIRE, I WAS POINTING TO...

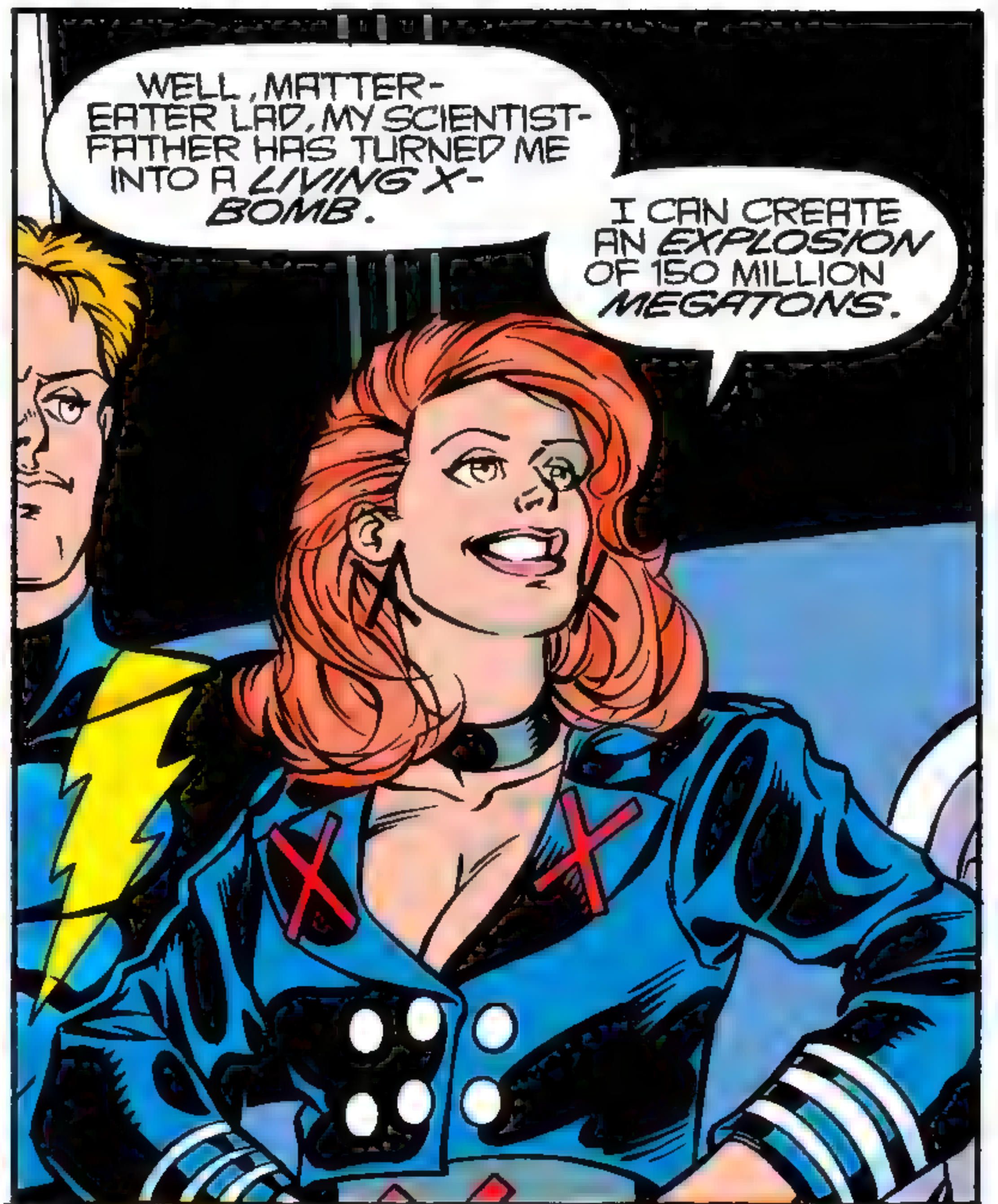
SO WHAT DO YOU CALL YOURSELF?





I GO BY THE NAME OF **X-BOMB BETTY**.

AND WHAT, BESIDES THE **OBVIOUS**, IS YOUR SPECIAL **TALENT**, BETTY?



WELL, MATTER-EATER LAD, MY SCIENTIST-FATHER HAS TURNED ME INTO A **LIVING X-BOMB**.

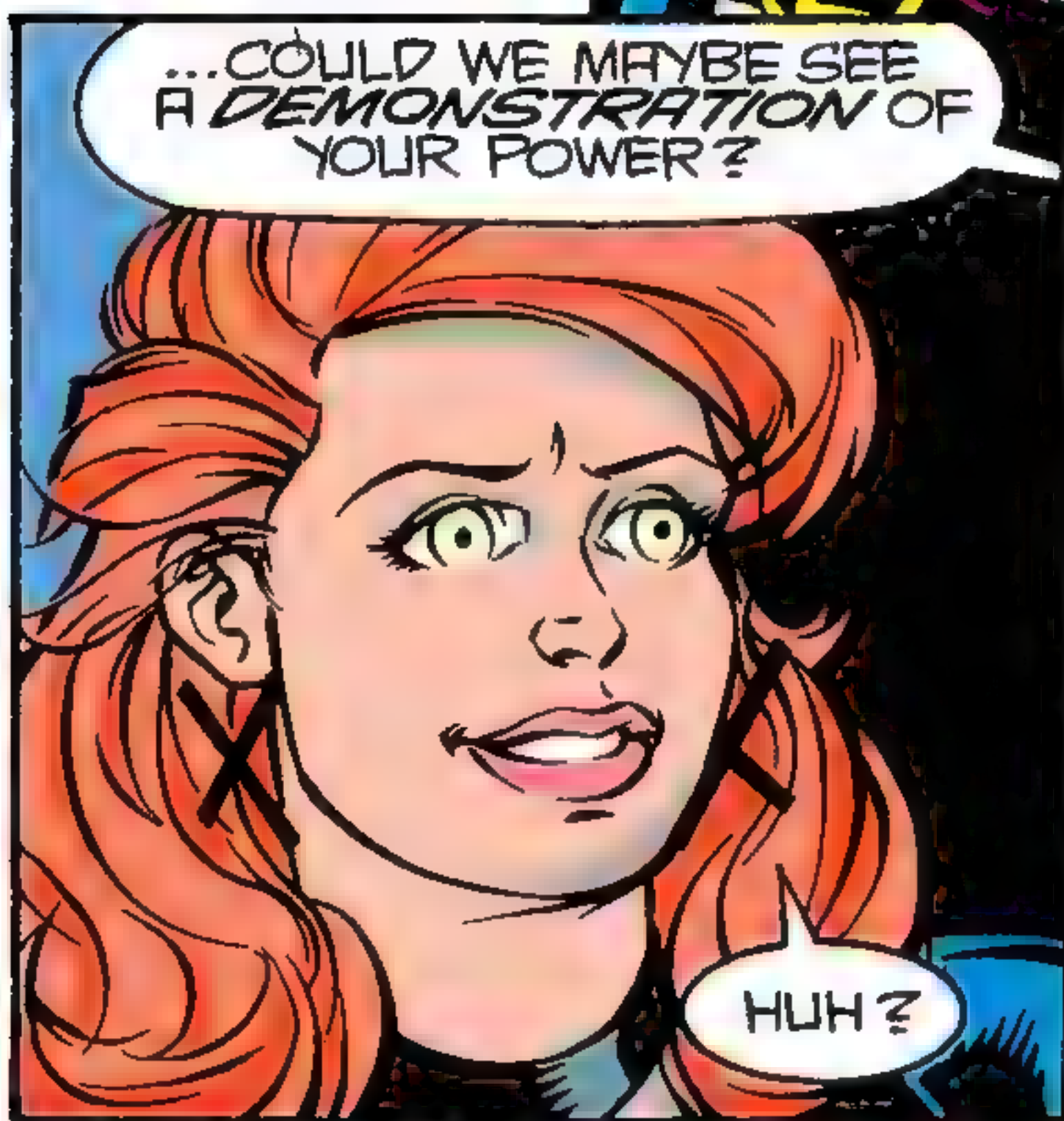
I CAN CREATE AN **EXPLOSION** OF 150 MILLION **MEGATONS**.



I'll **BET** you can...

Oh, please...

THIS DOES SOUND QUITE **PROMISING**, MISS...



...COULD WE MAYBE SEE A **DEMONSTRATION** OF YOUR **POWER**?

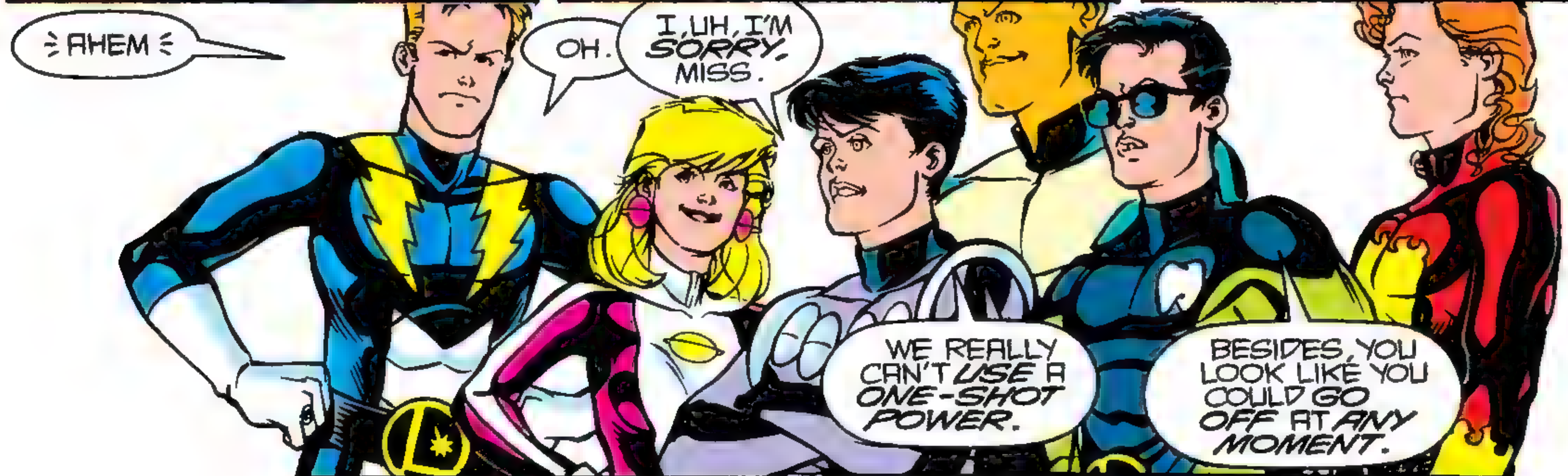
HUH?



...BUT...



BUT I CAN ONLY DO IT **ONCE!**



≡ **AHEM** ≡

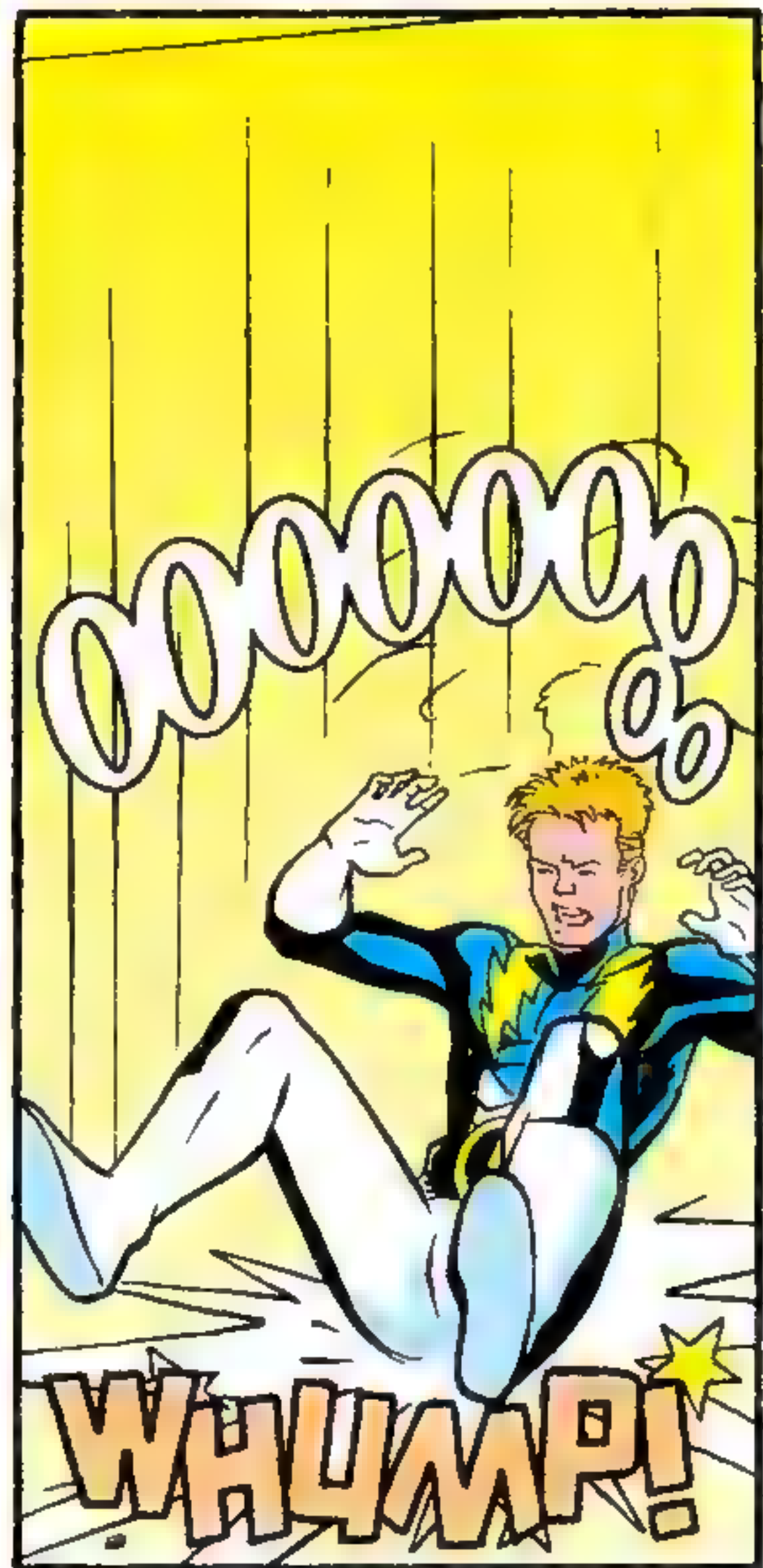
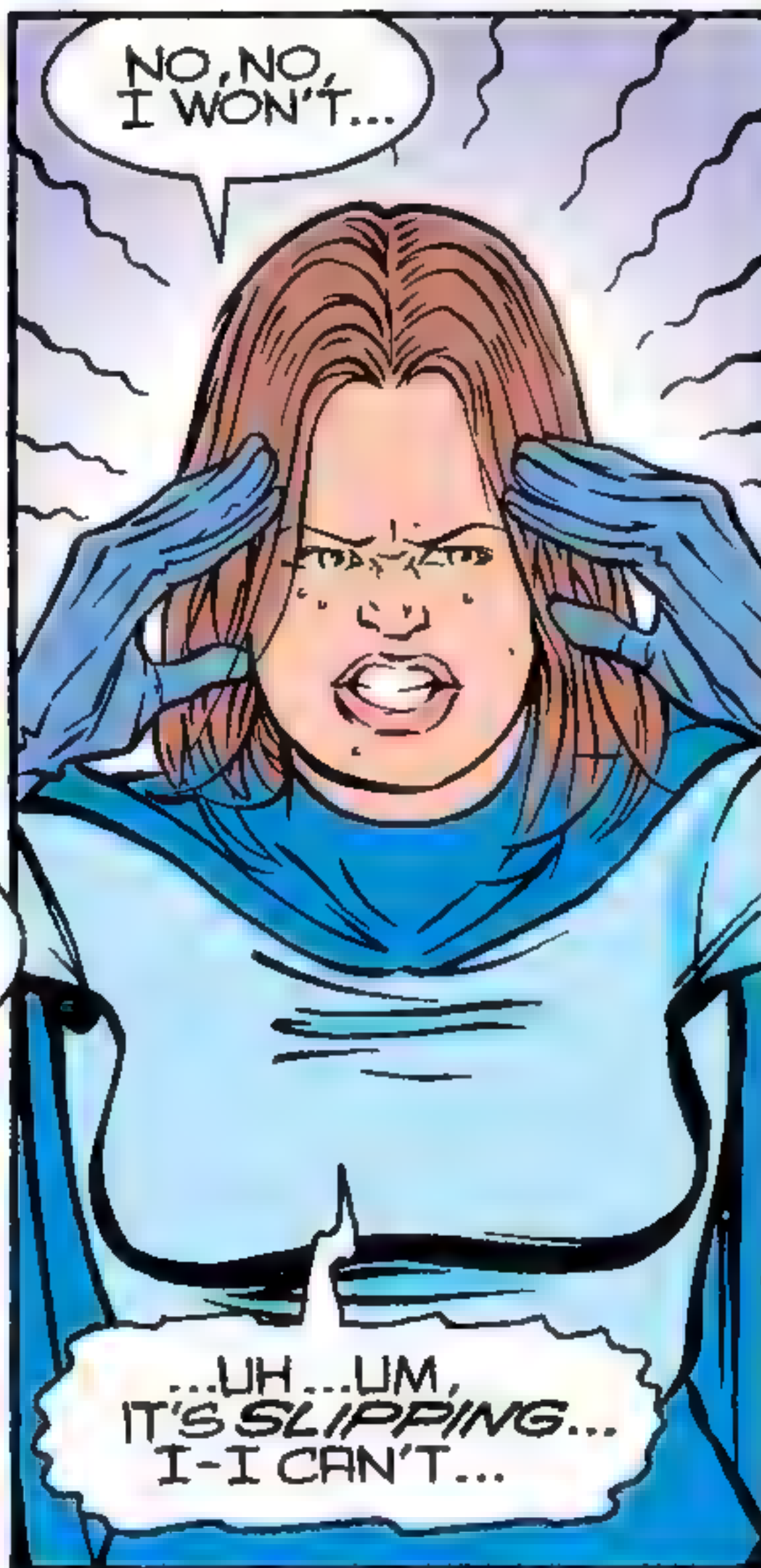
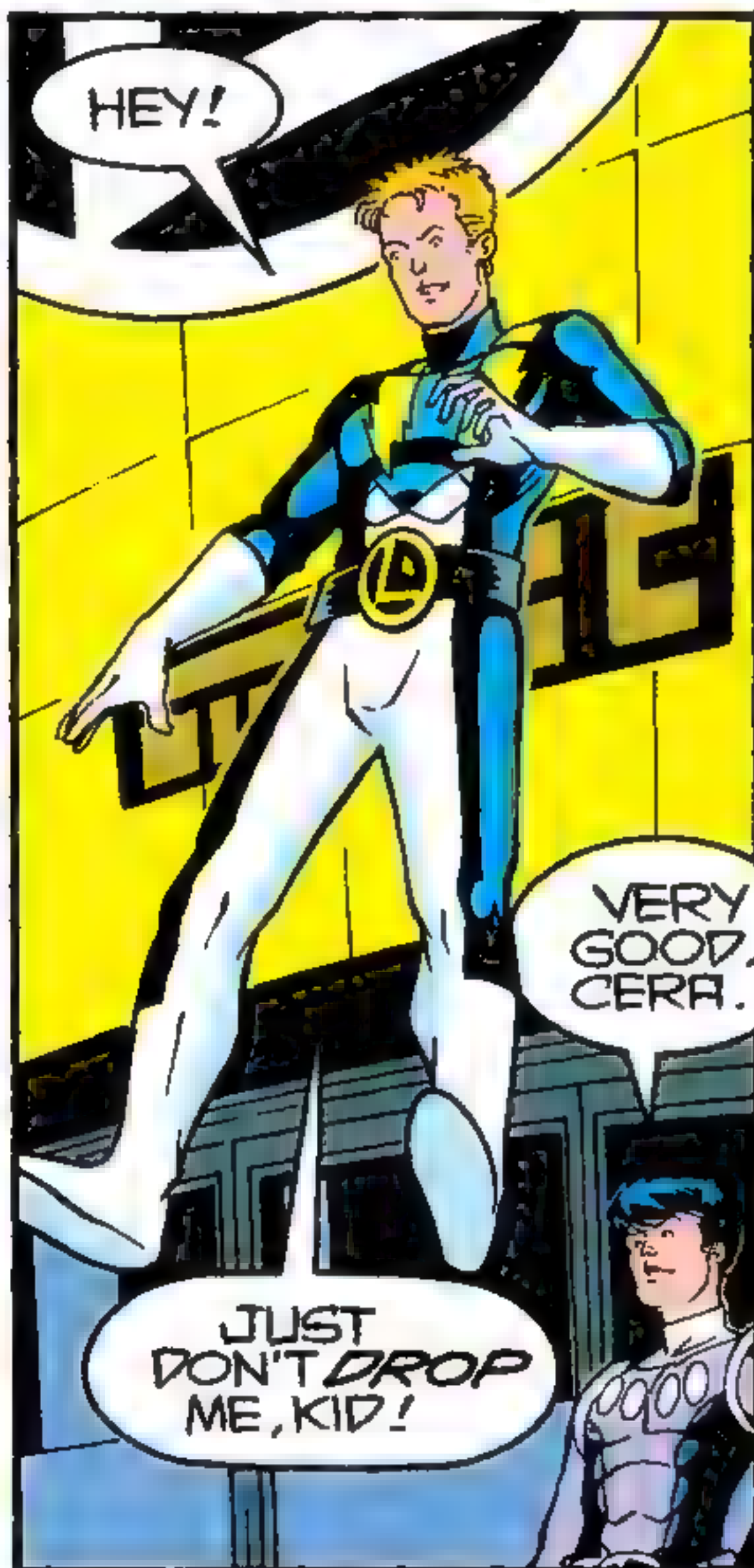
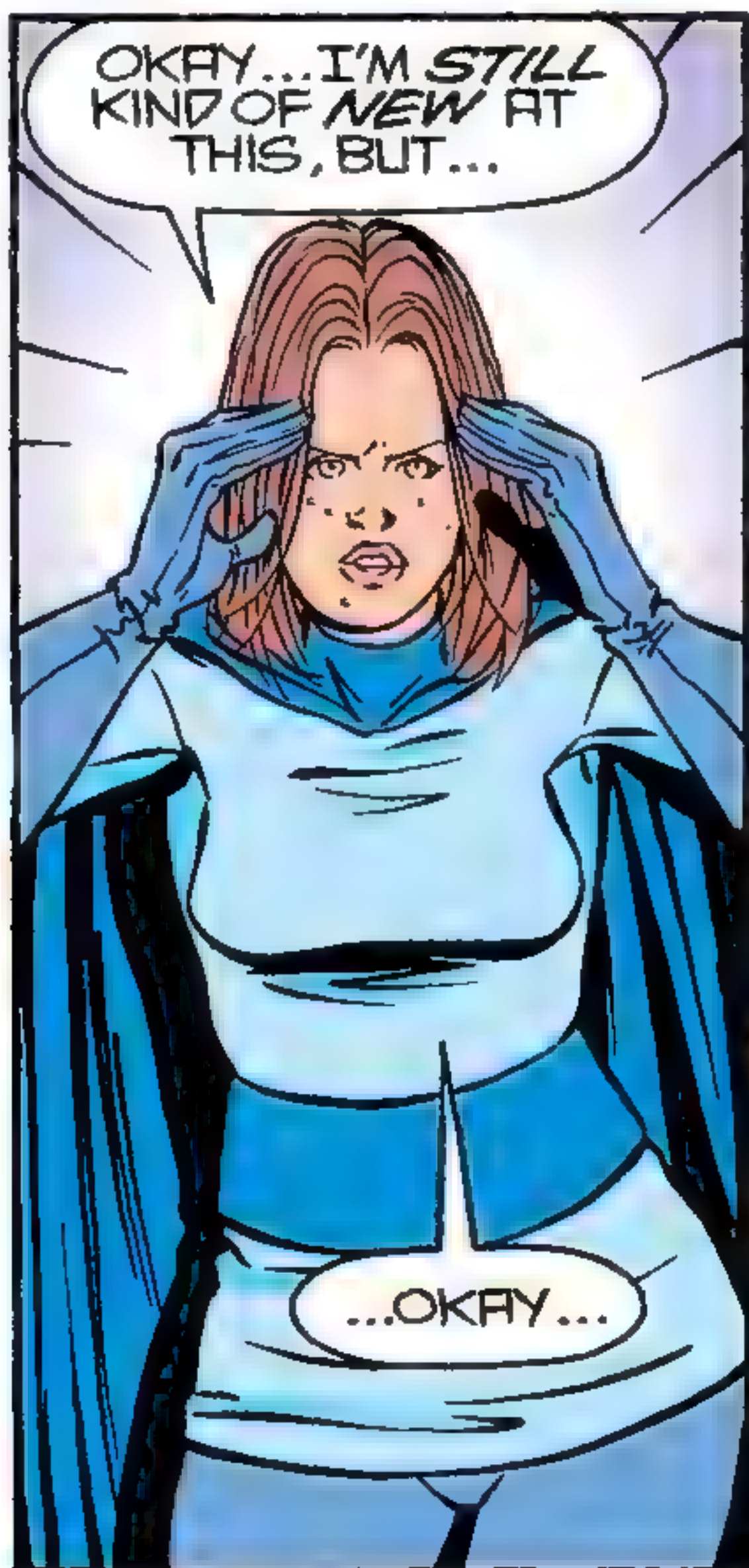
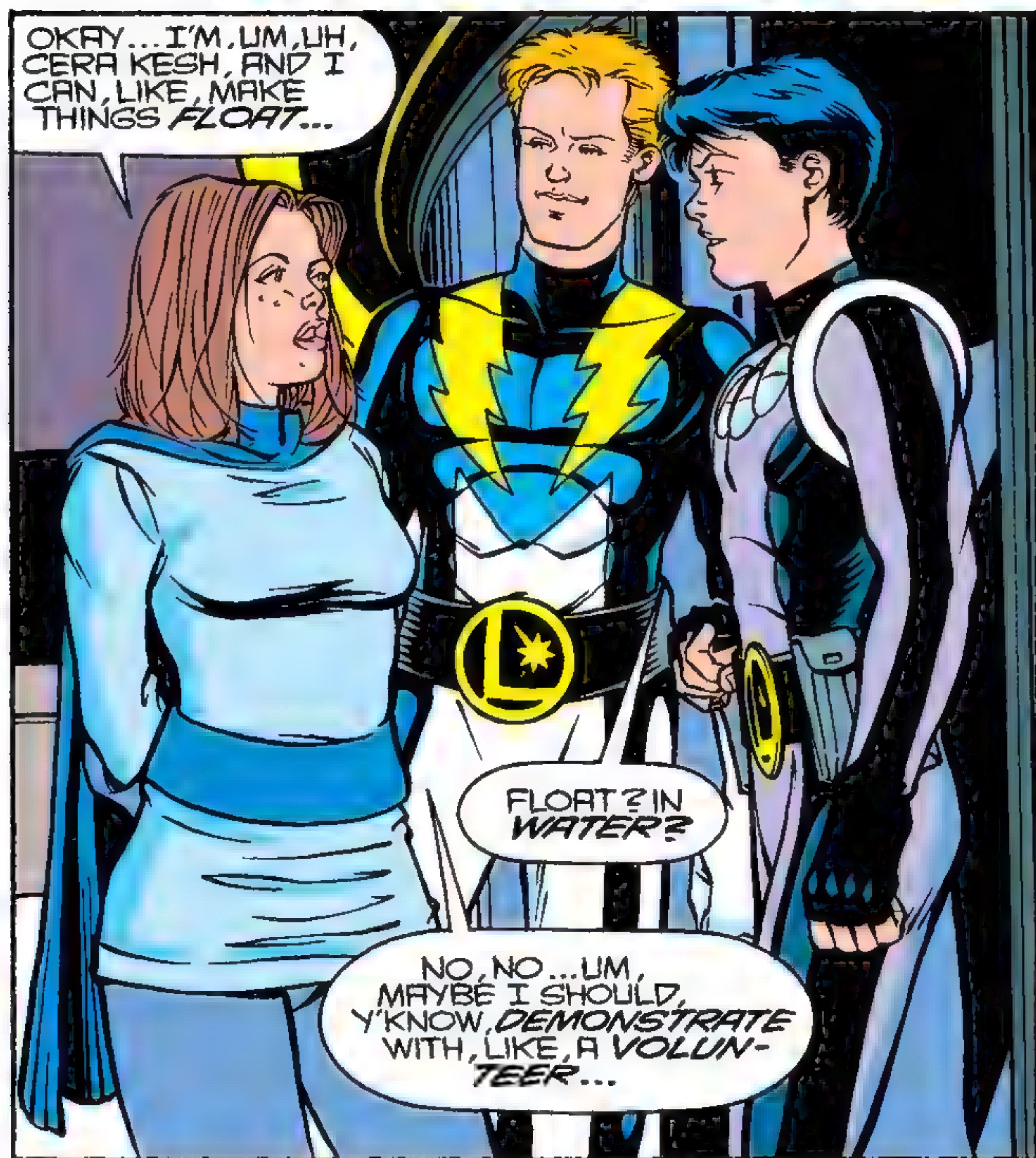
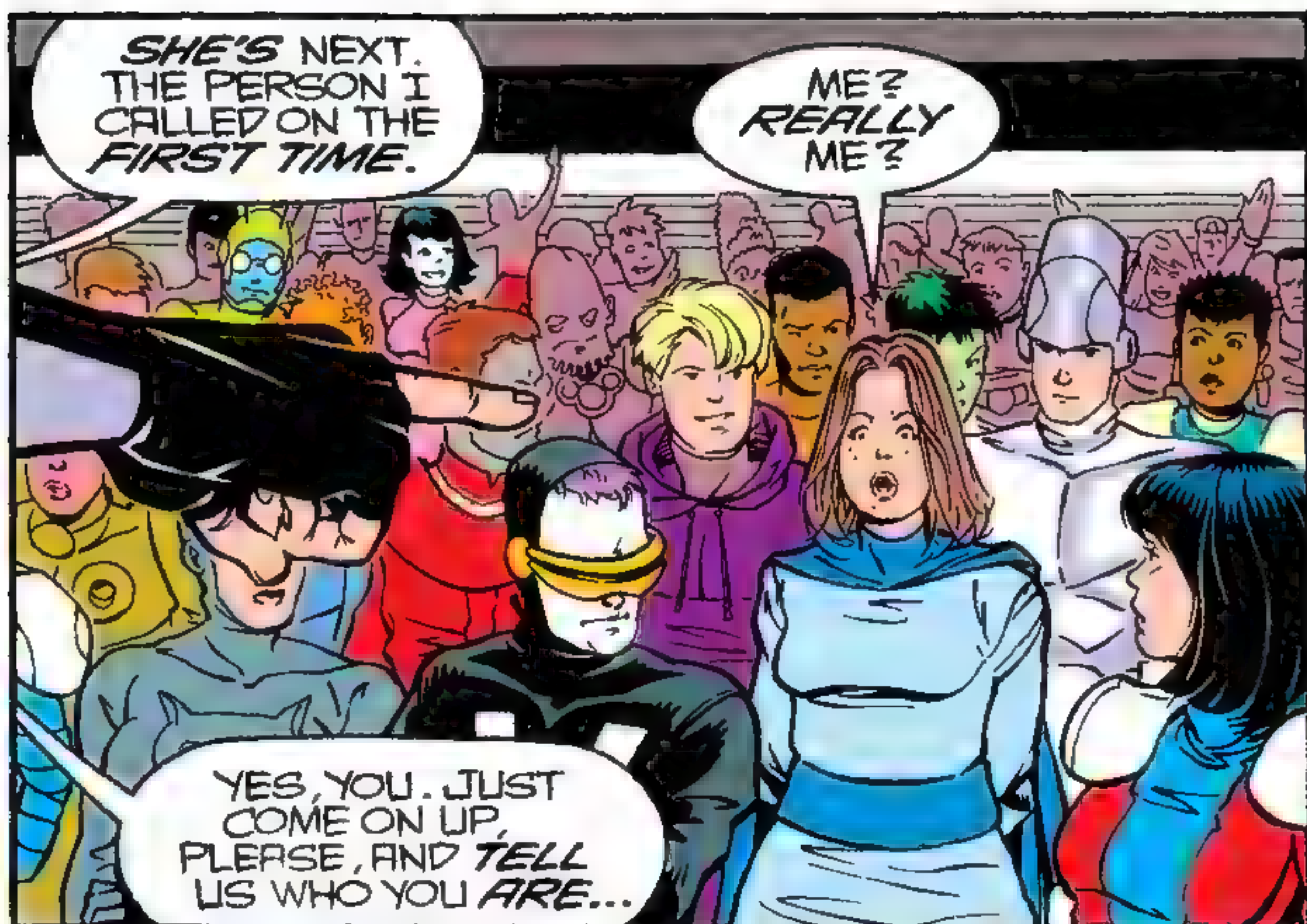
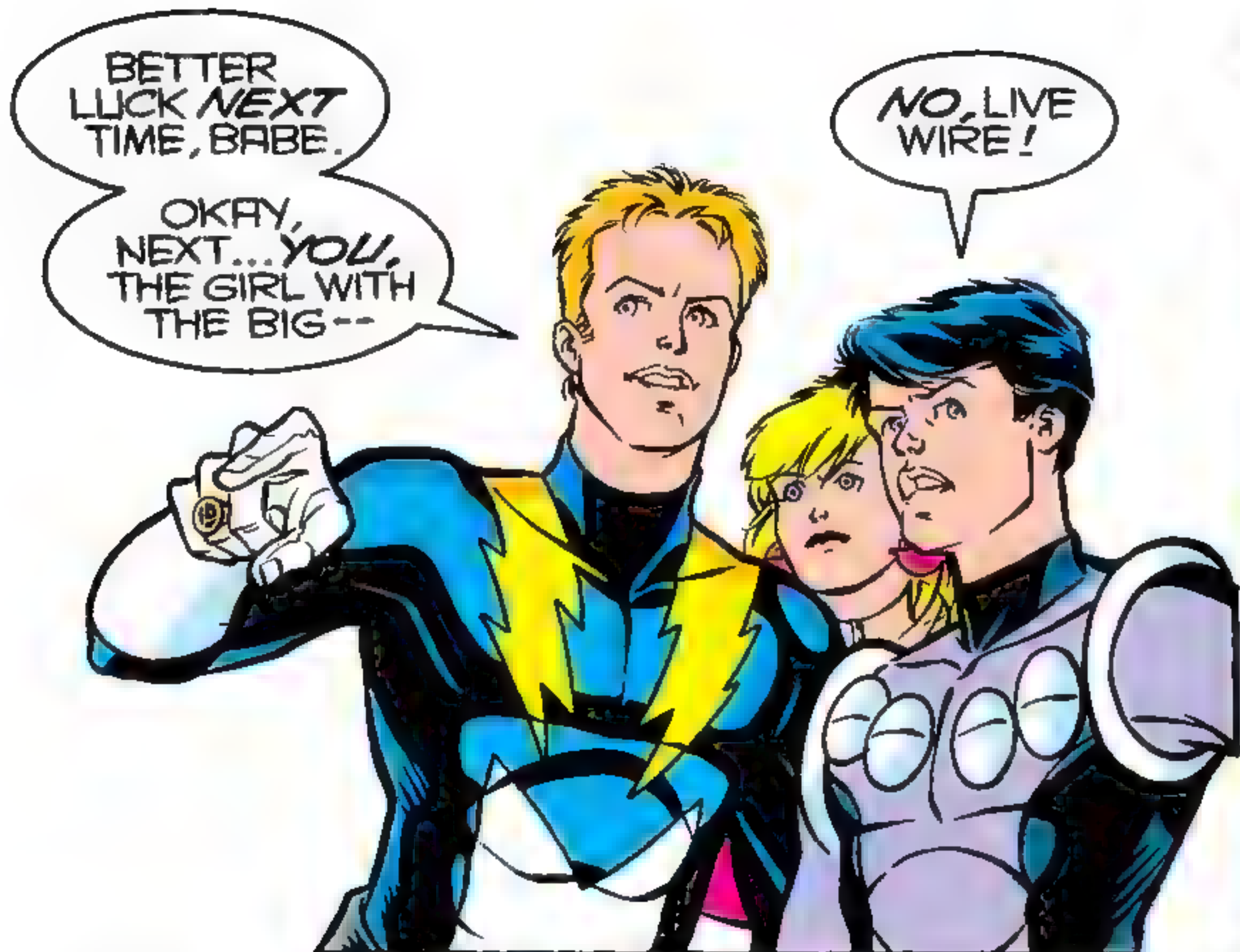
OH.

I, UH, I'M **SORRY**, MISS.

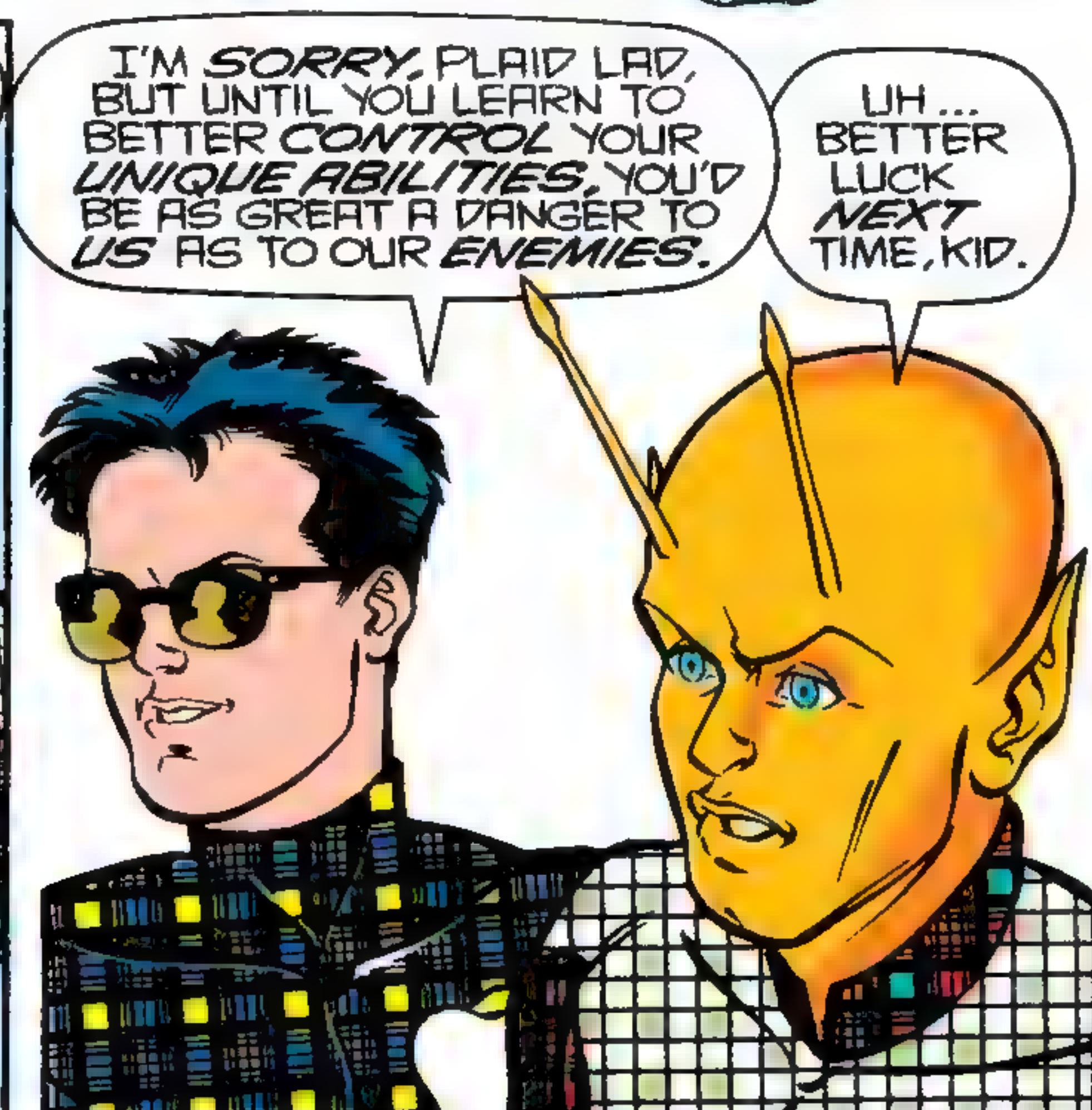
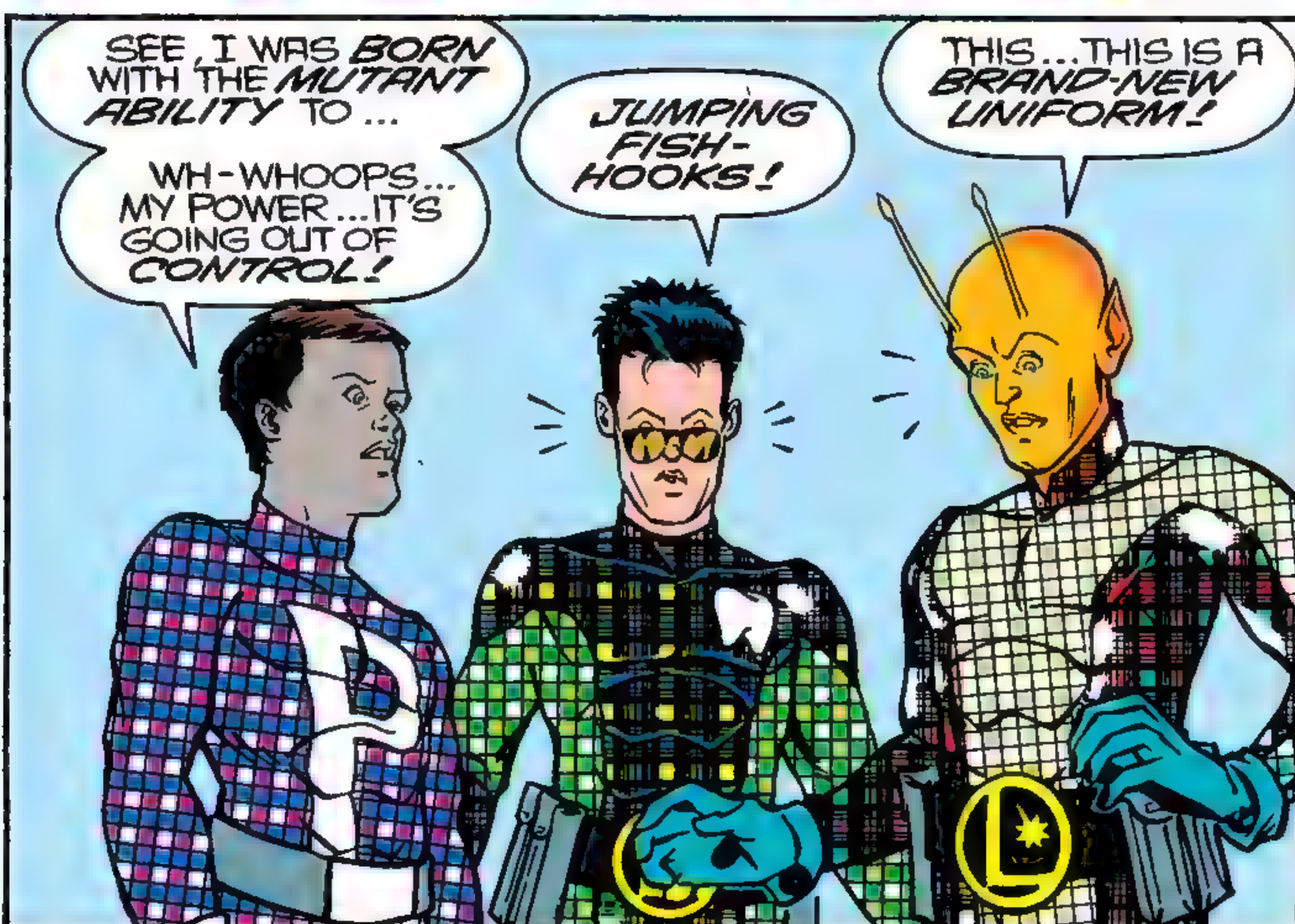
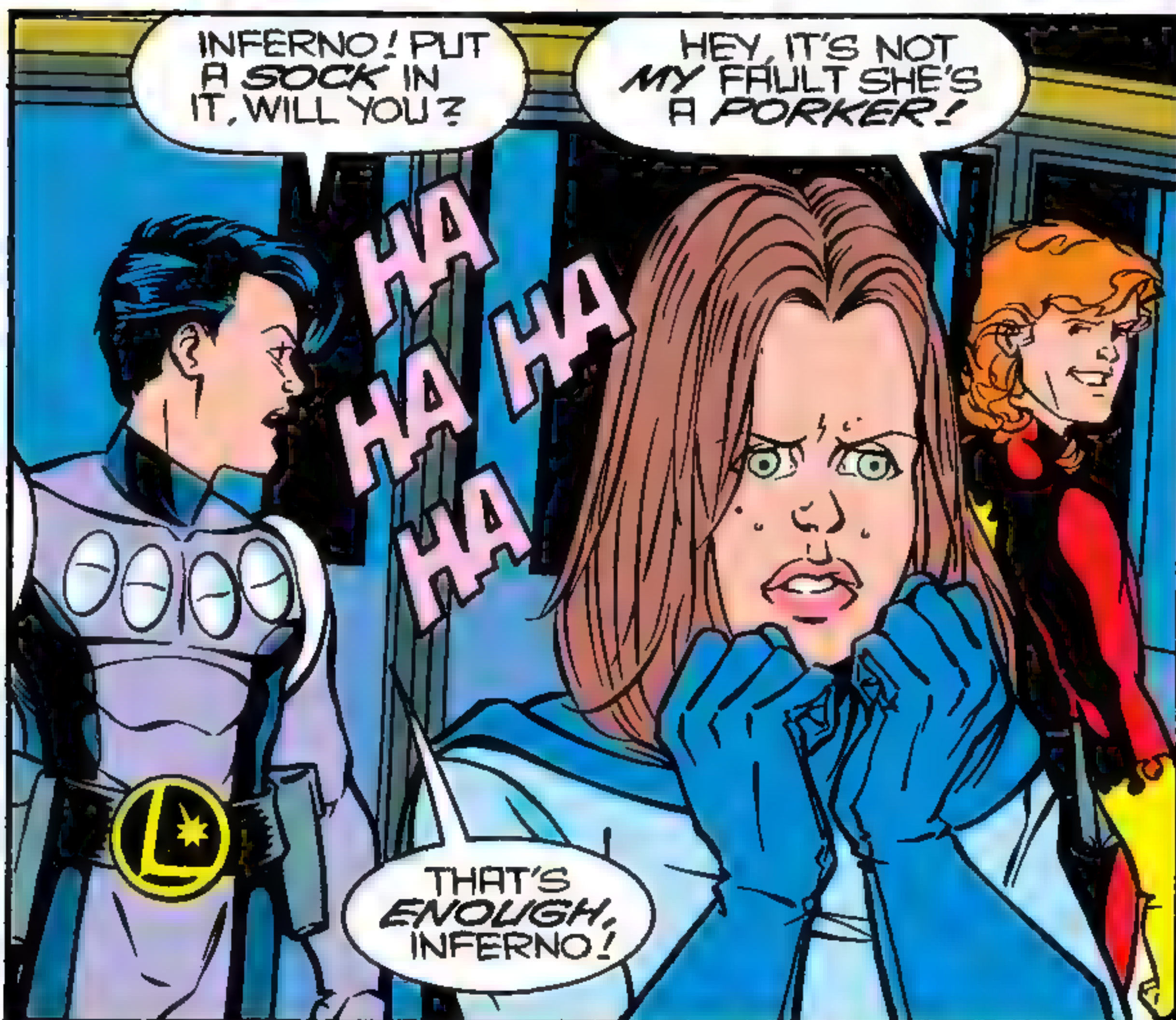
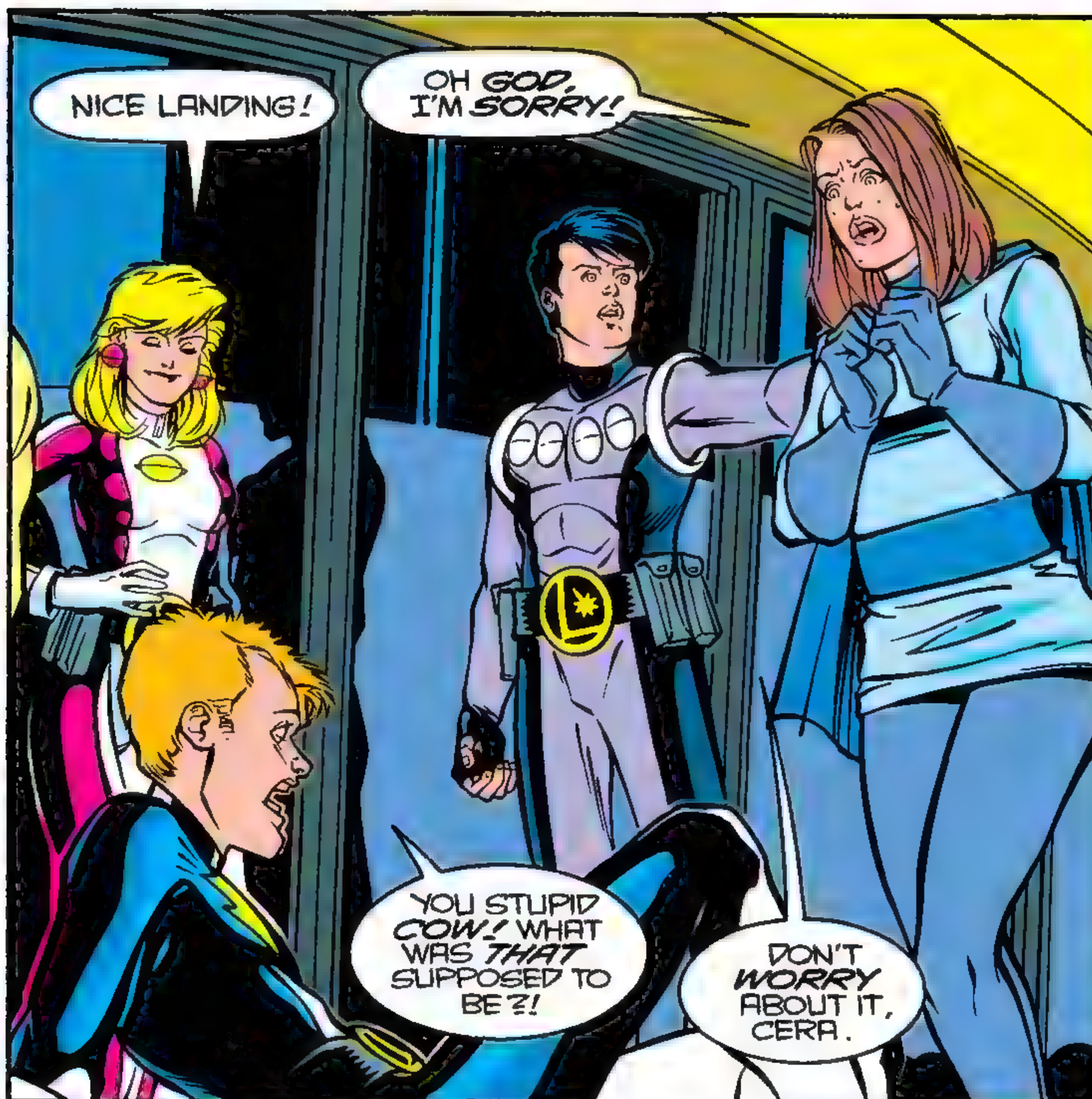
WE REALLY CAN'T **USE** A **ONE-SHOT** **POWER**.

BESIDES, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD GO **OFF** AT ANY **MOMENT**.

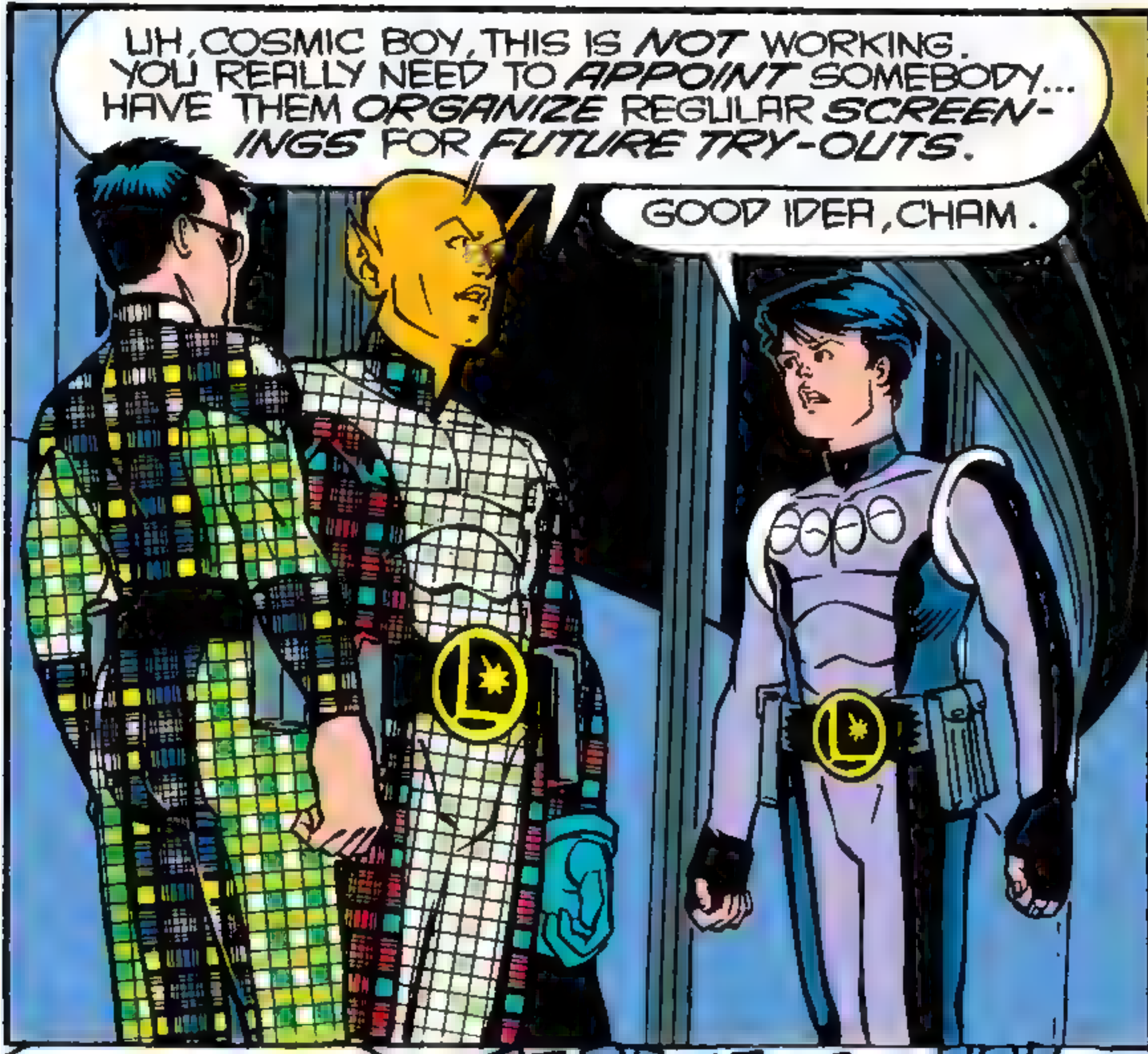






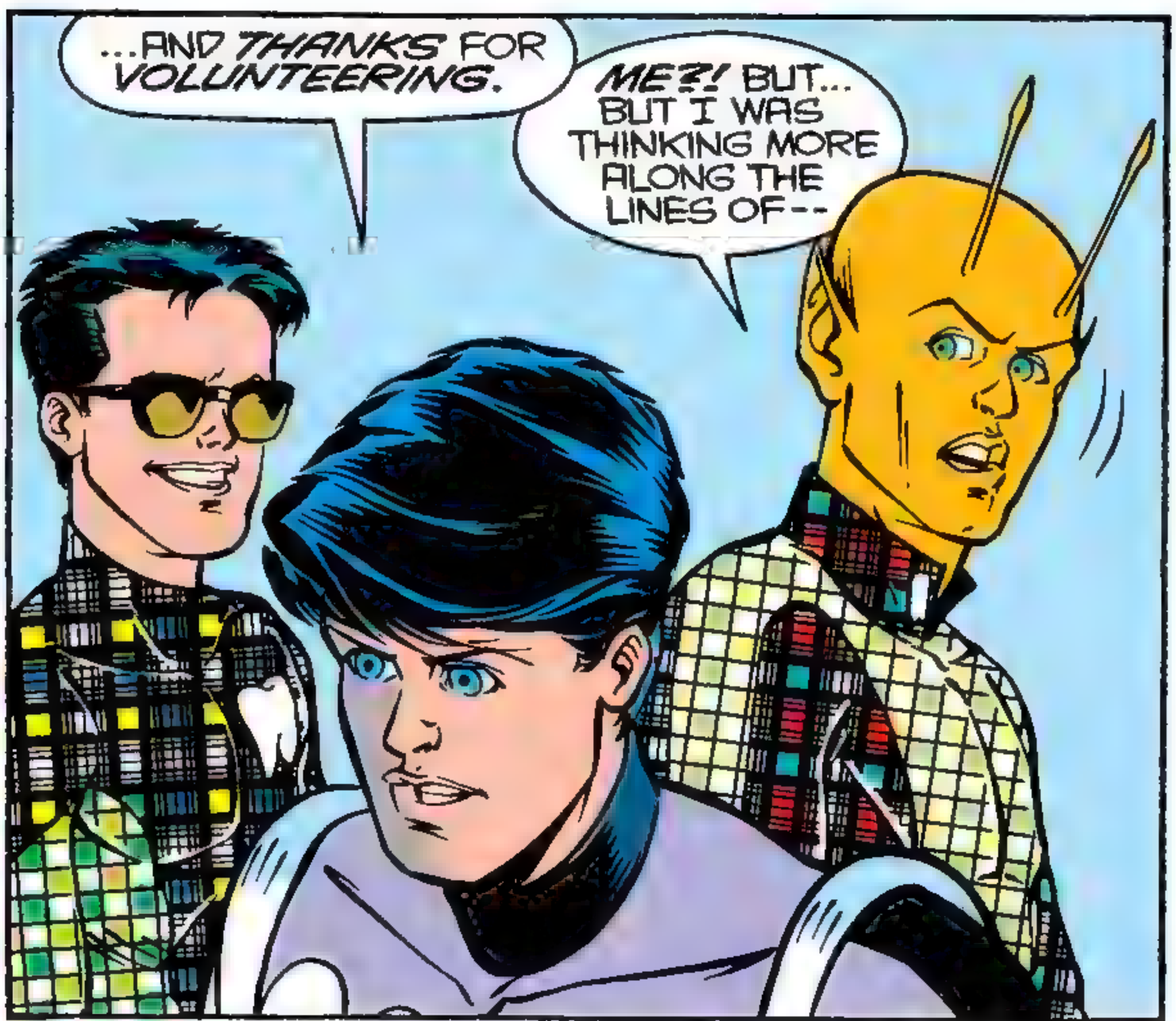






UH, COSMIC BOY, THIS IS *NOT* WORKING. YOU REALLY NEED TO *APPOINT* SOMEBODY... HAVE THEM *ORGANIZE* REGULAR *SCREENINGS* FOR *FUTURE TRY-OUTS*.

GOOD IDEA, CHAM.



...AND *THANKS* FOR *VOLUNTEERING*.

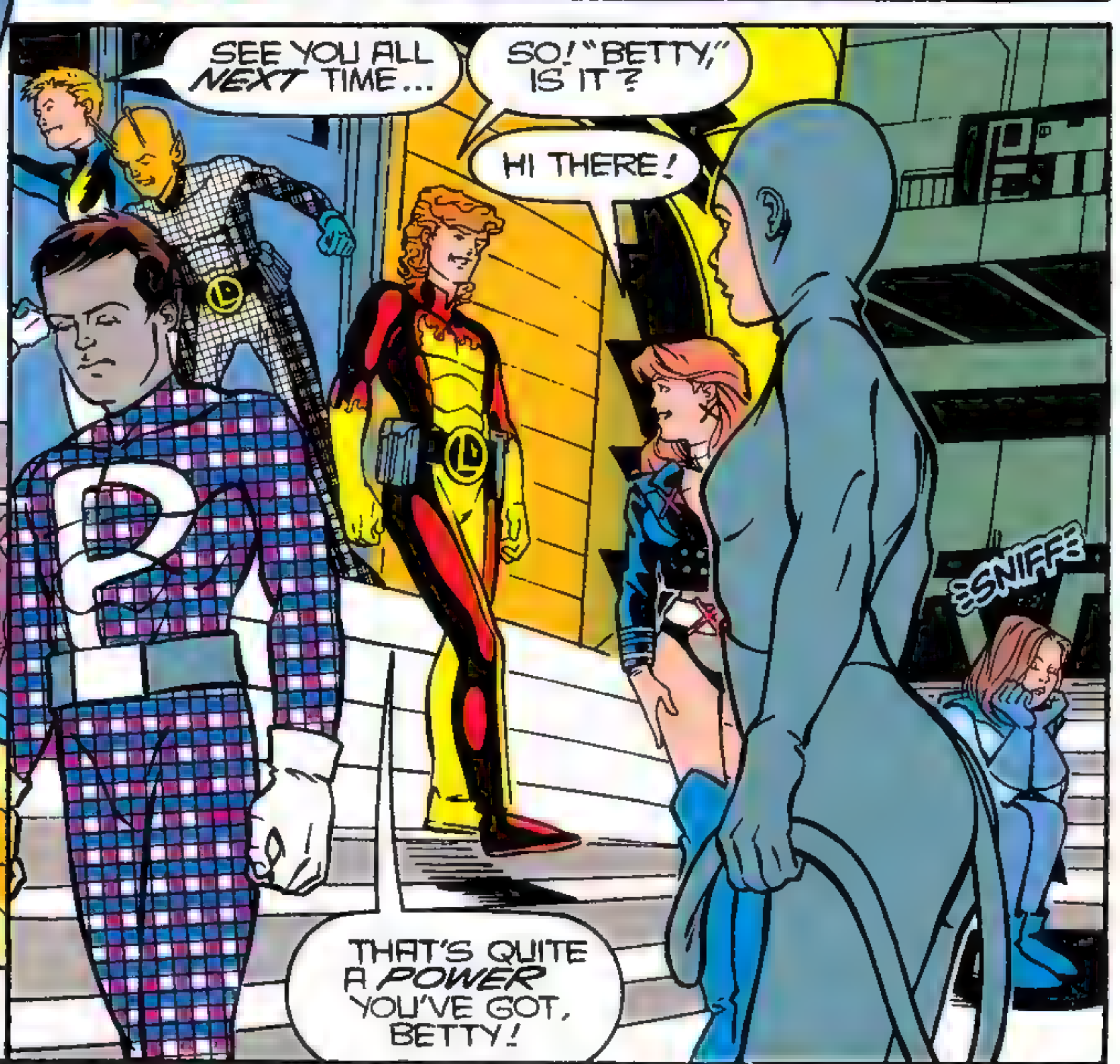
ME?! BUT... BUT I WAS THINKING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF--



SORRY, EVERY-BODY, WE'RE OUT OF *TIME*.

**AAAAAAAAA**  
BUT TALK TO *CHAMELEON*. HE CAN ARRANGE *FUTURE TRY-OUTS* FOR ALL OF YOU.

ALL RIGHT!

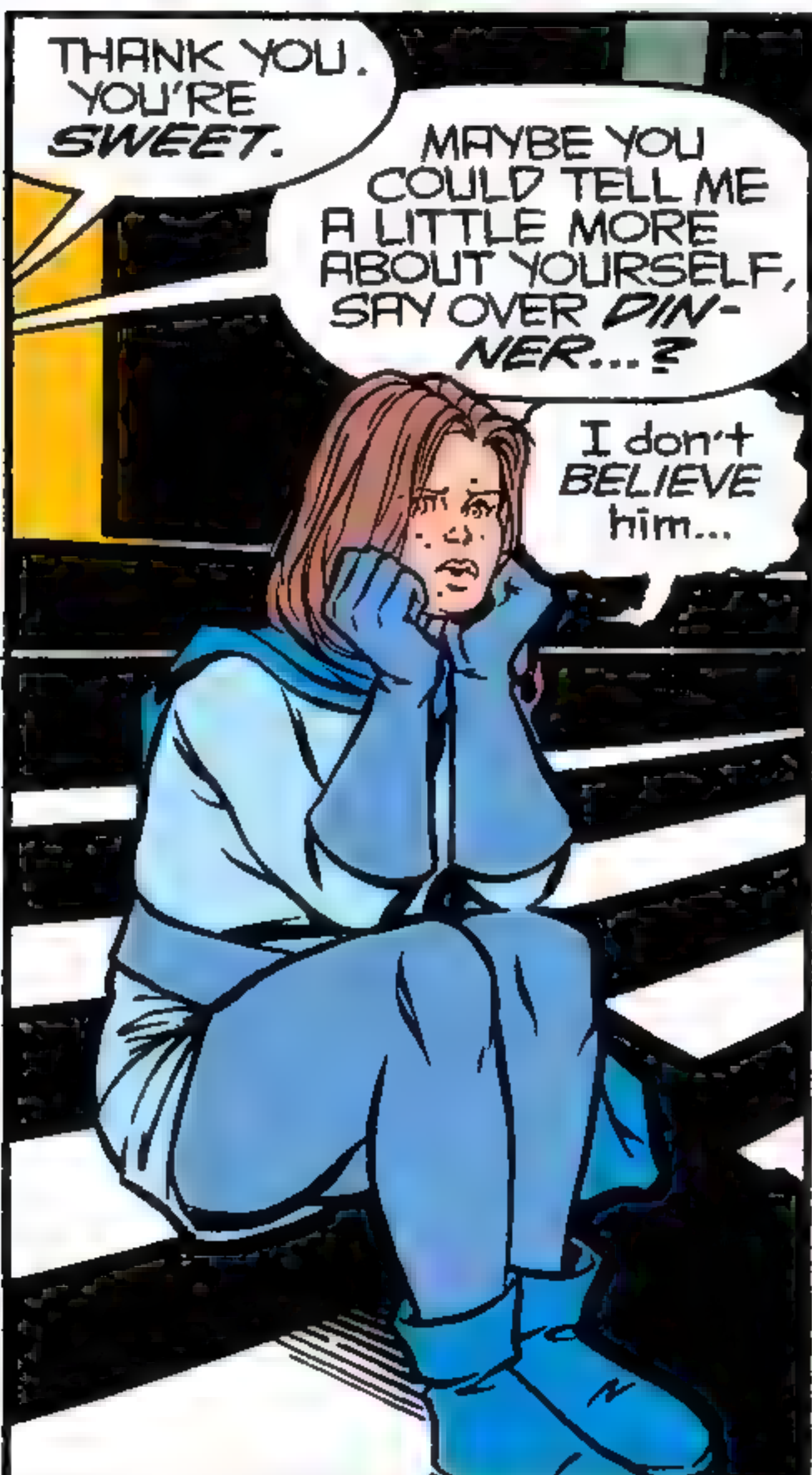


SEE YOU ALL *NEXT TIME*...

SO! "BETTY," IS IT?

HI THERE!

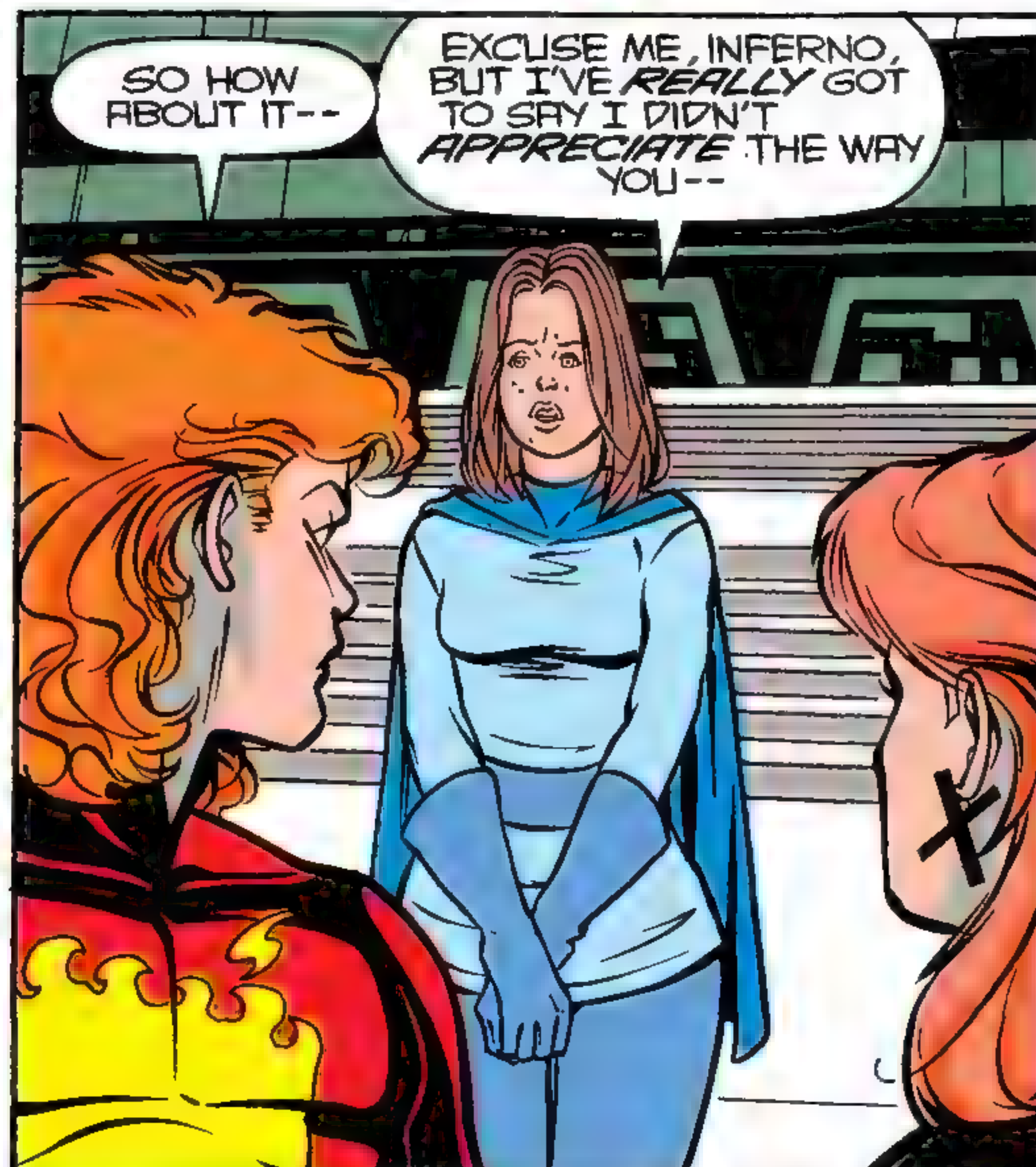
THAT'S QUITE A *POWER* YOU'VE GOT, BETTY!



THANK YOU. YOU'RE *SWEET*.

MAYBE YOU COULD TELL ME A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOURSELF, SAY OVER *DINNER*...?

I don't BELIEVE him...



SO HOW ABOUT IT--

EXCUSE ME, INFERNO, BUT I'VE *REALLY* GOT TO SAY I DIDN'T *APPRECIATE* THE WAY YOU--



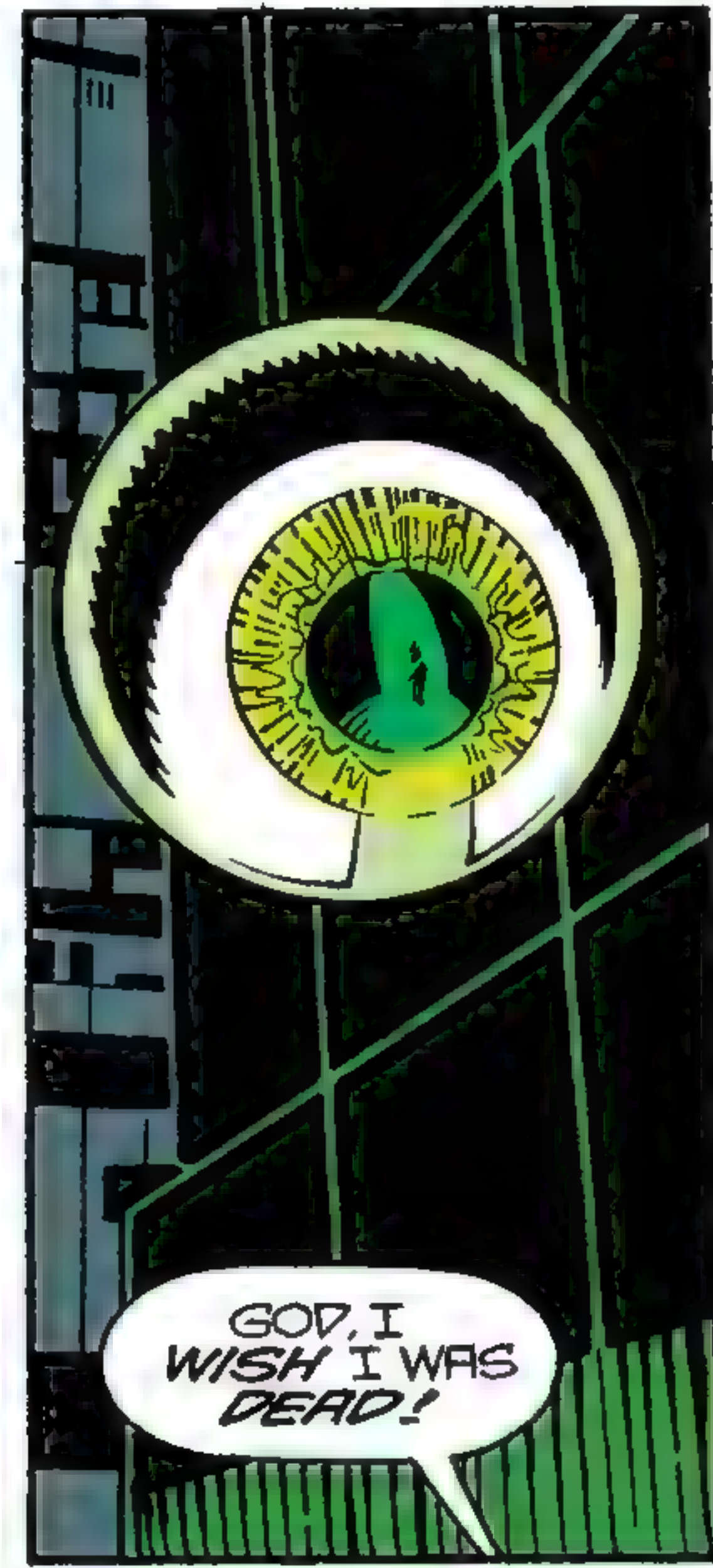
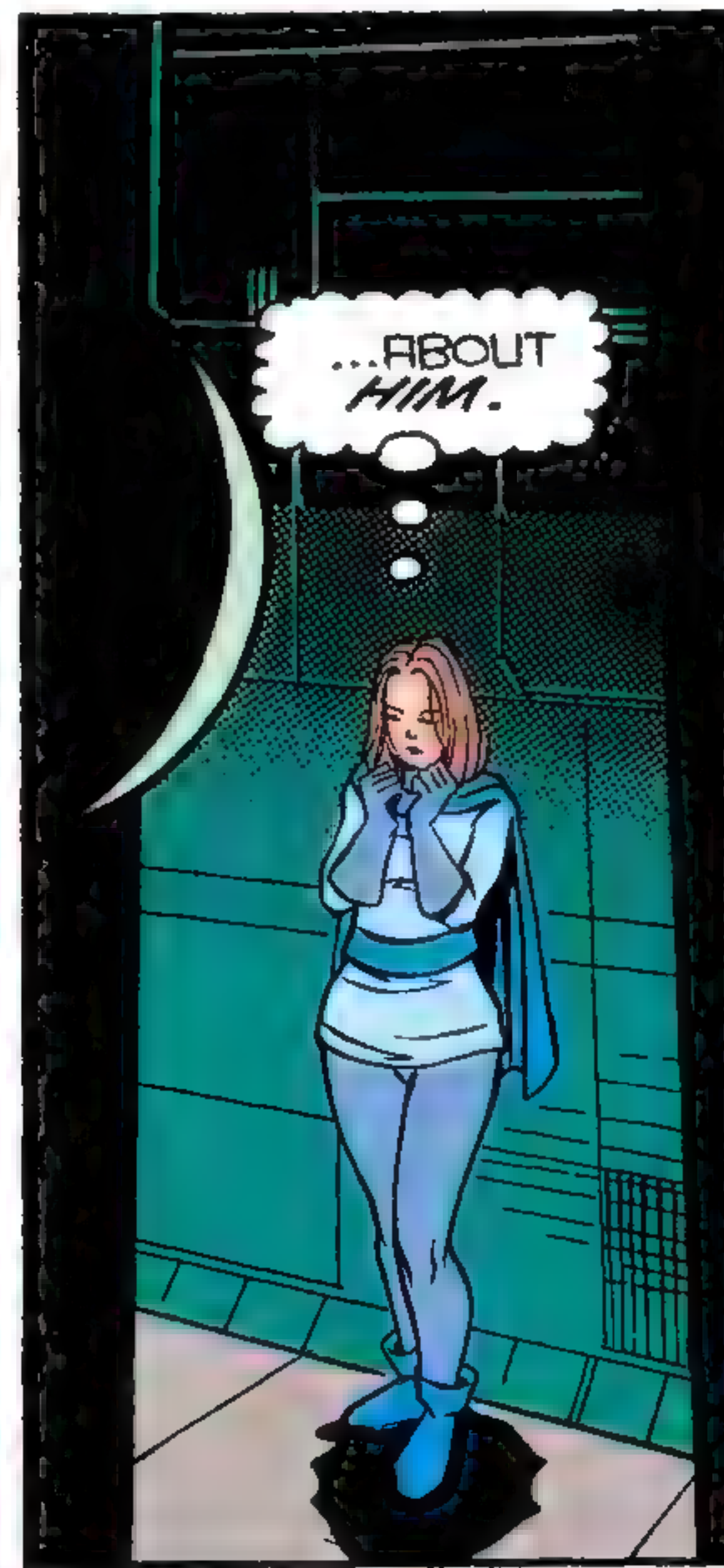
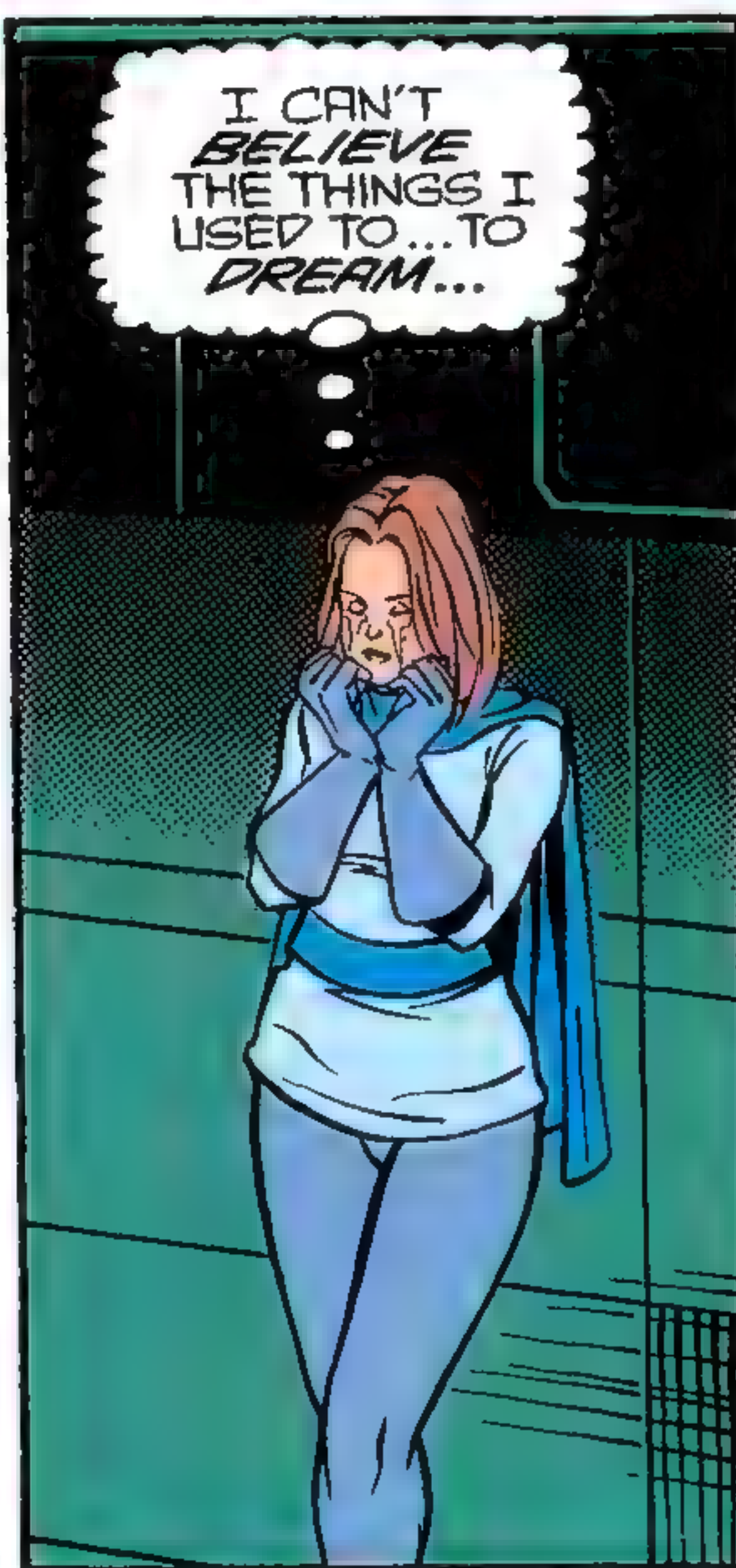
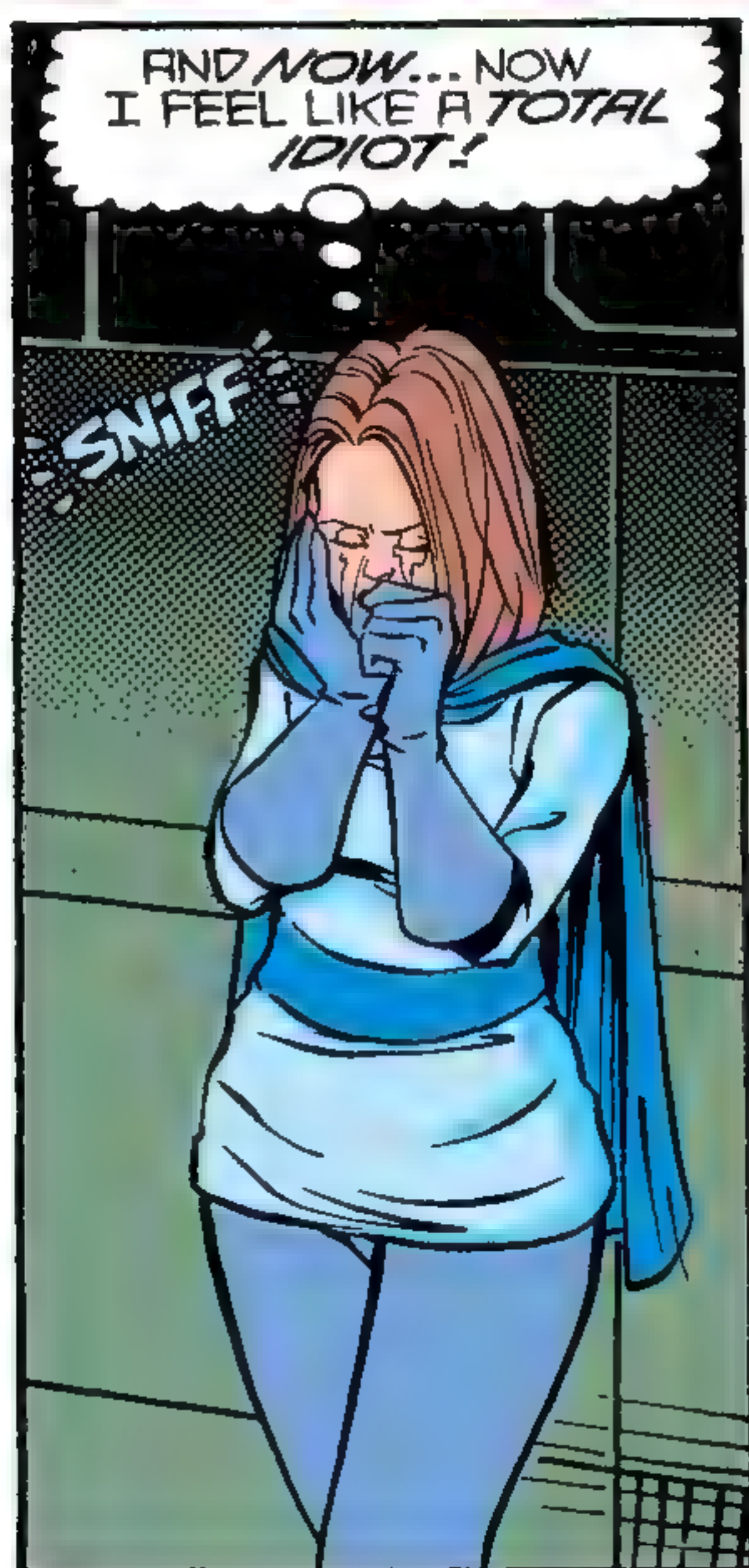
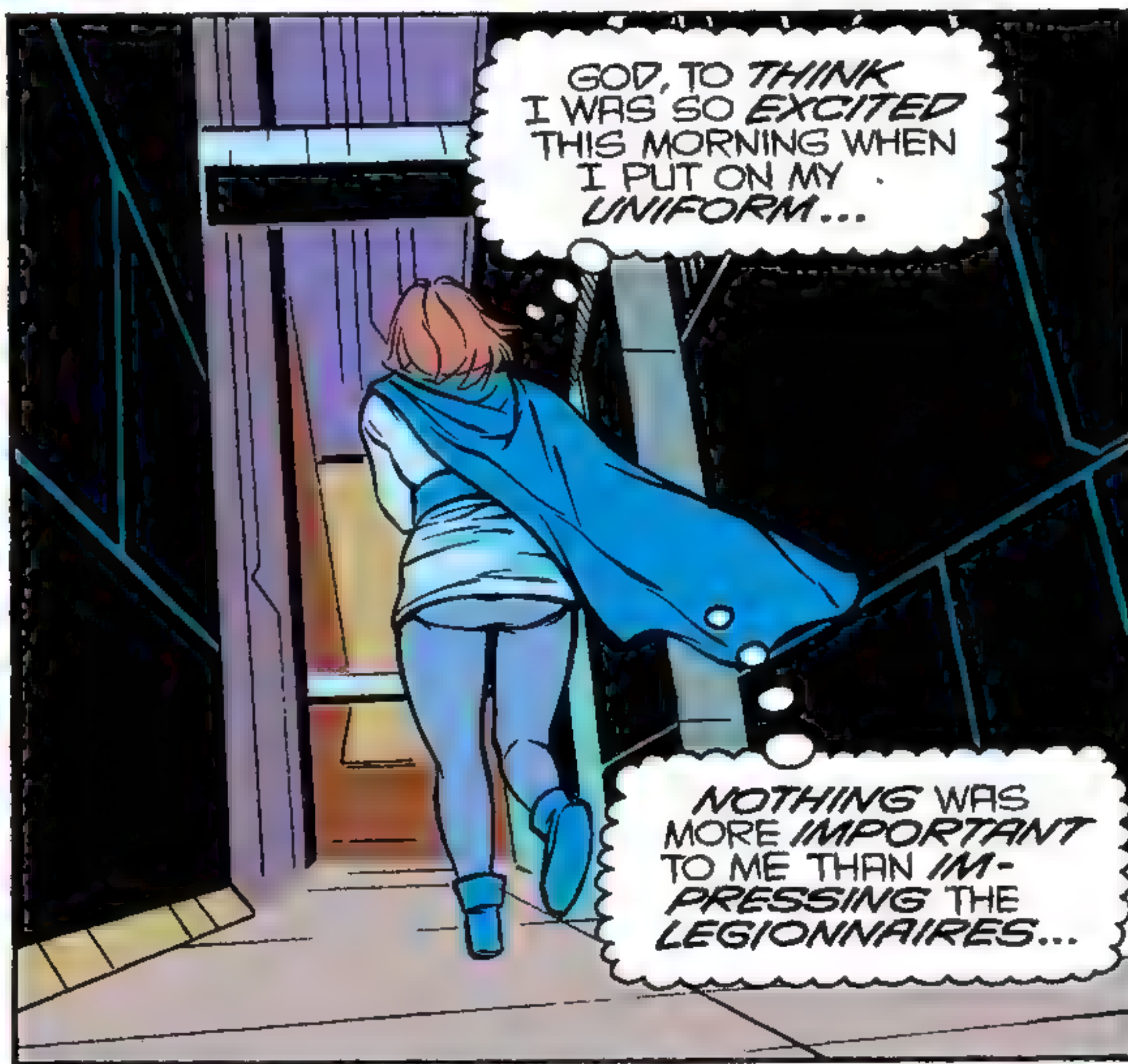
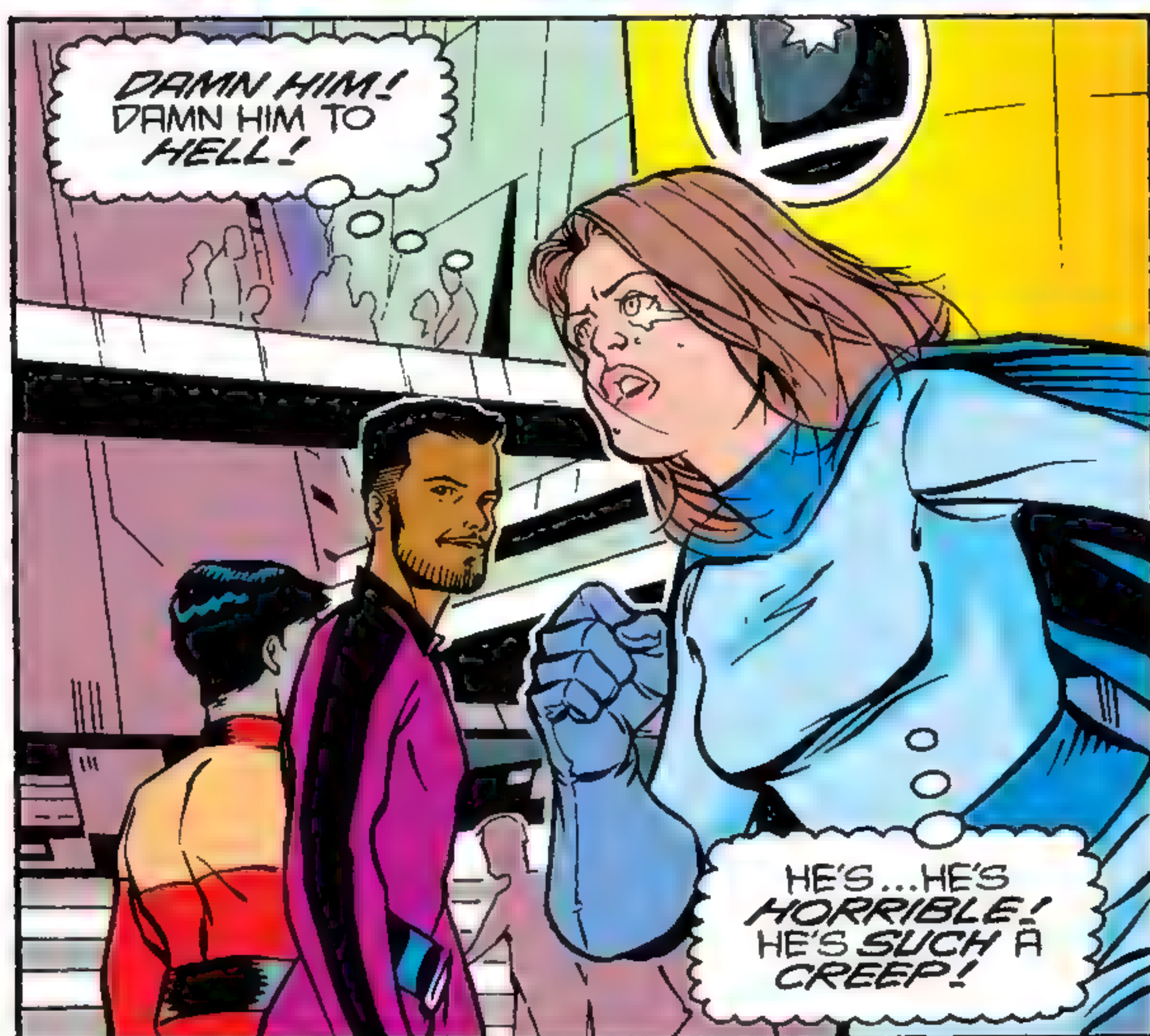
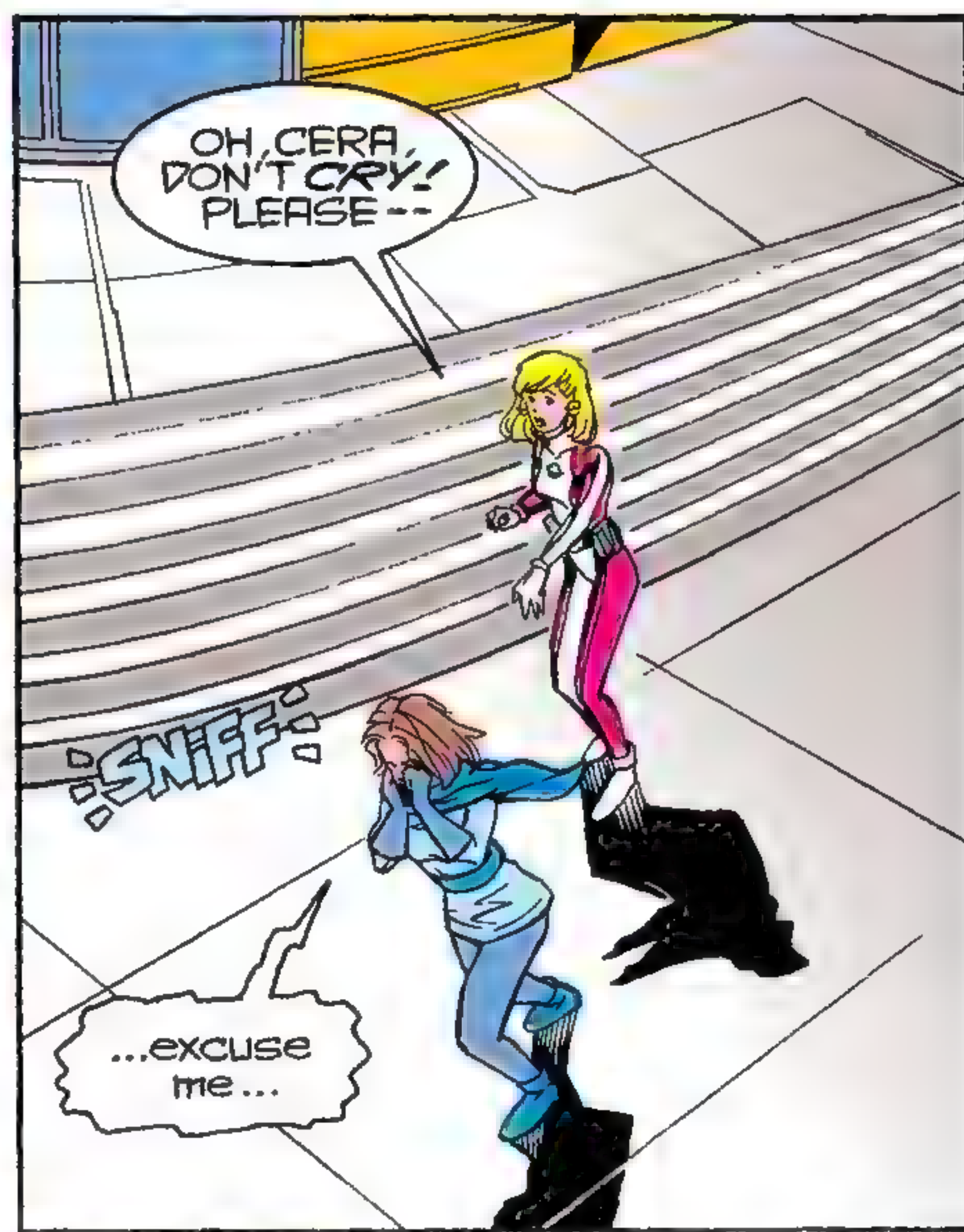
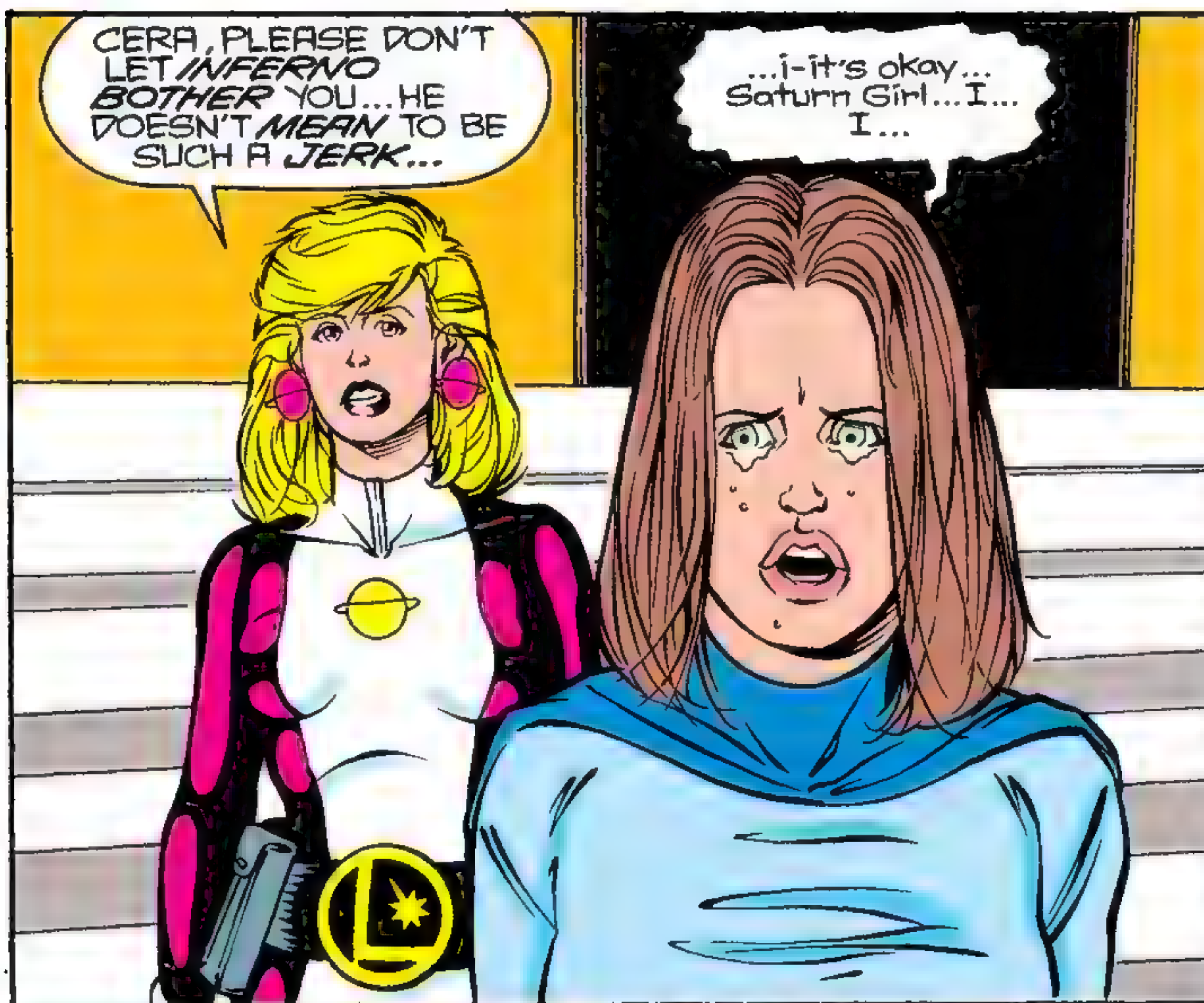
LISTEN, KID, I'M *BUSY*.

WHY DON'T YOU GO PLAY *CONNECT THE DOTS* ON YOUR *FACE*.

≡GASP≡

HA-HA!

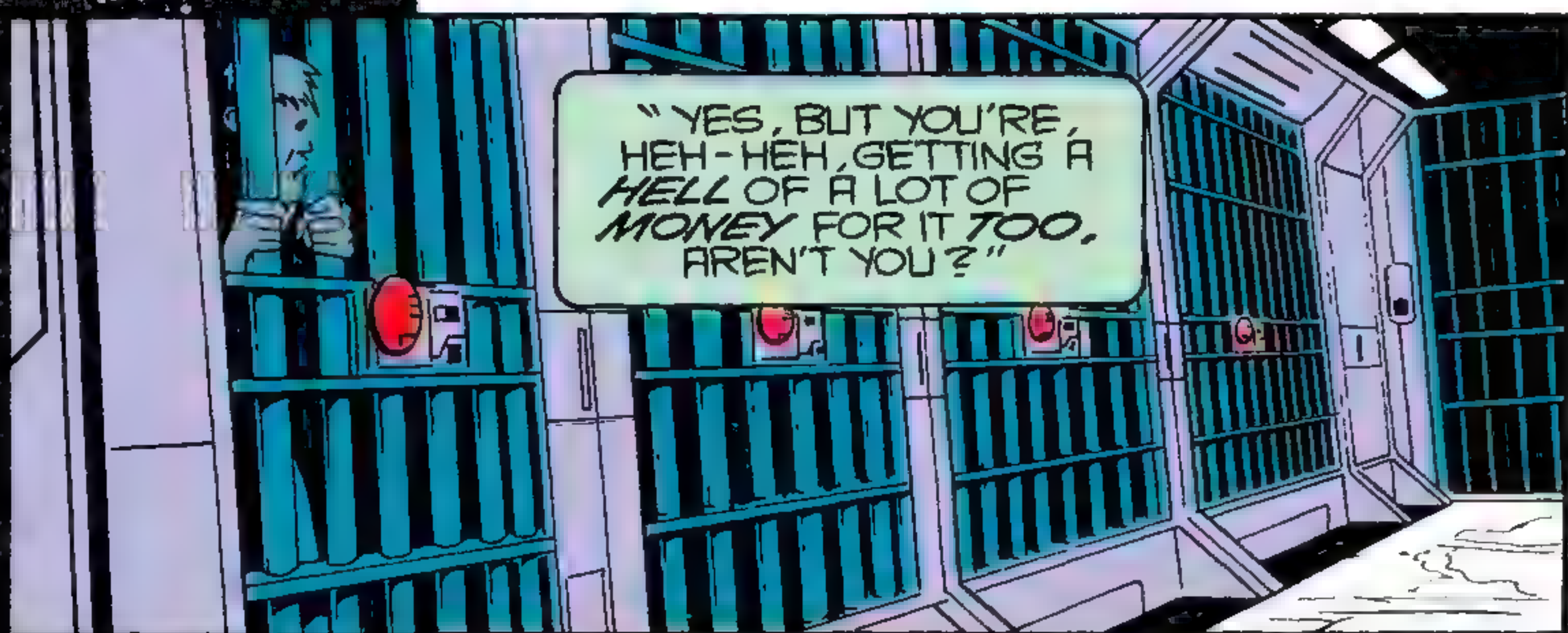






THE PRISON WORLD  
OF TAKRON GALTOS II...

"Y'KNOW, I COULD  
GET INTO A *HELL*  
OF A LOT OF *TROUBLE*  
FOR THIS, McCAULEY."



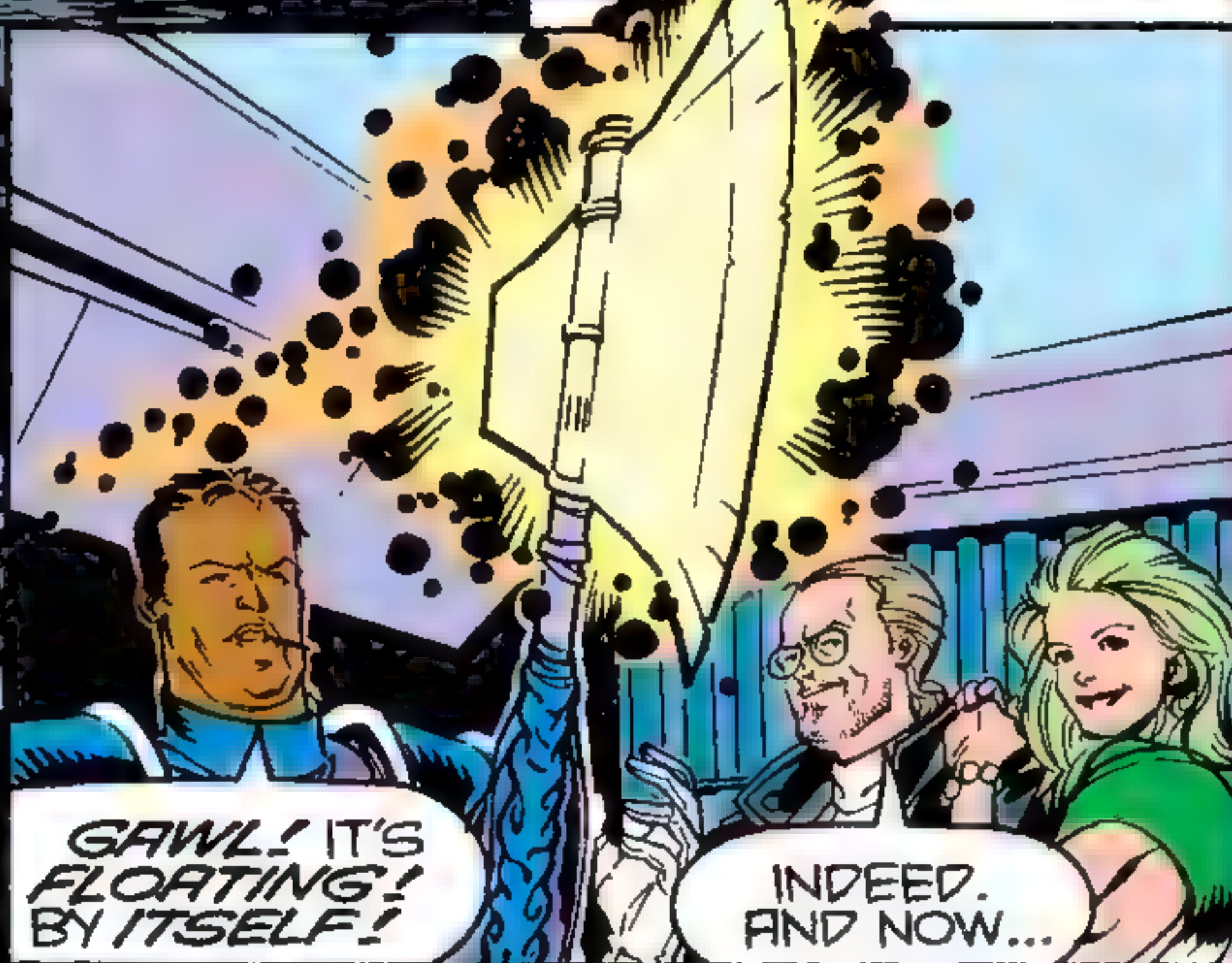
I'D BETTER  
BE.

SO HERE IT  
IS, McCAULEY--  
THE *ATOMIC*  
AXE. YOU  
WANNA TAKE  
IT NOW?

NO, NO. YOU JUST  
HEH, LET IT GO.

HUH?

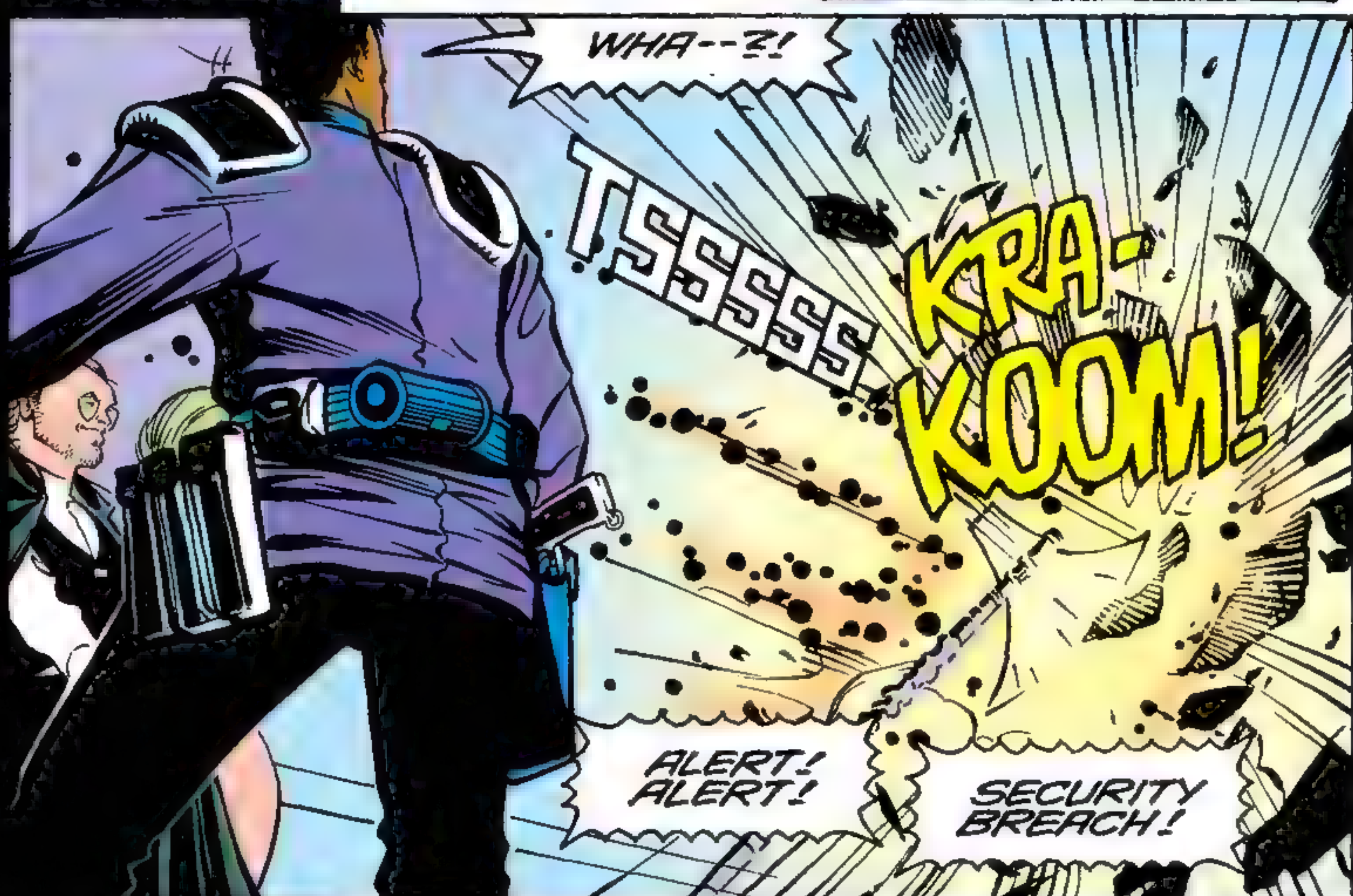
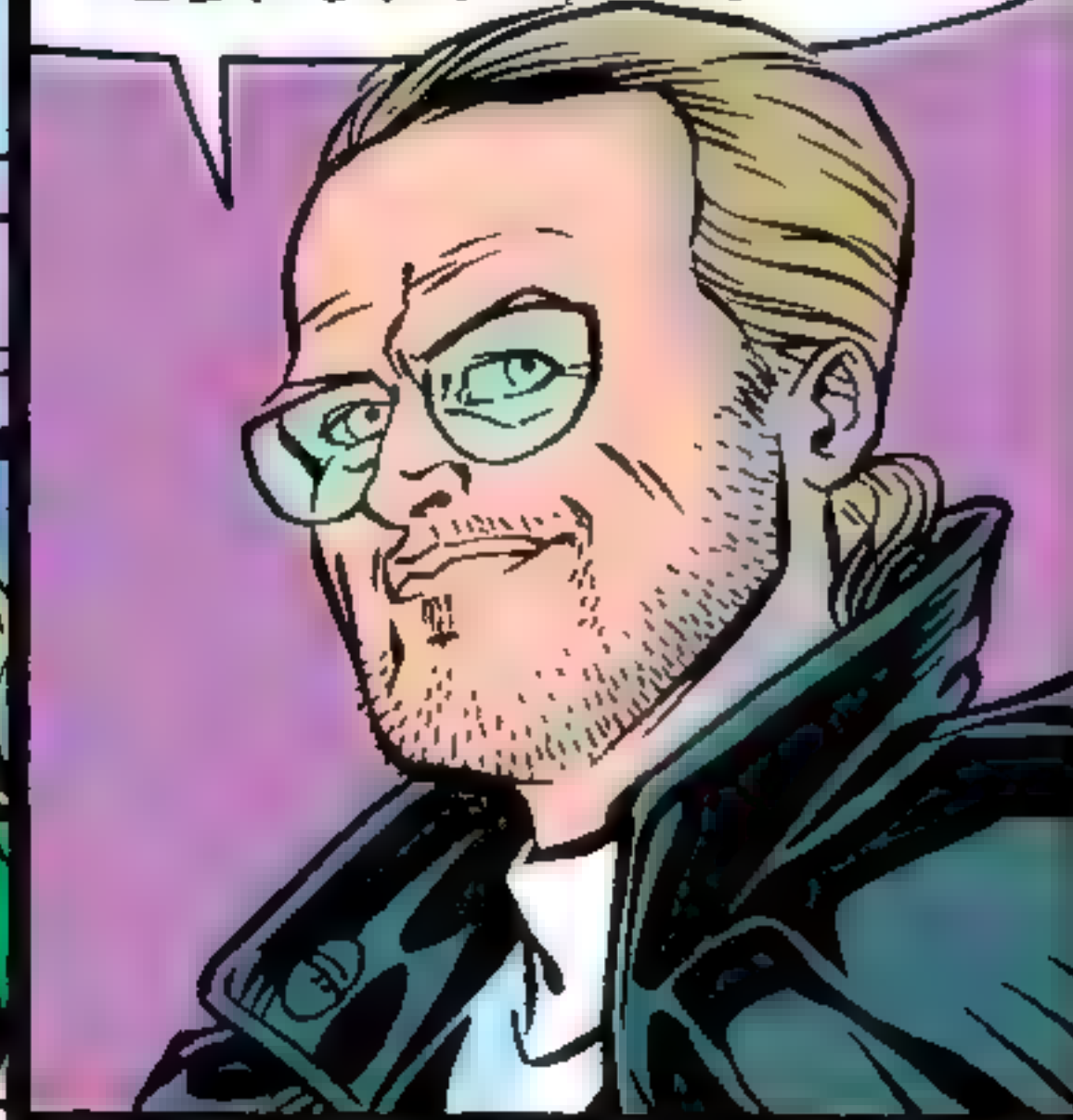
GO  
AHEAD. LET  
IT GO.



GAWL! IT'S  
FLOATING!  
BY ITSELF!

INDEED.  
AND NOW...

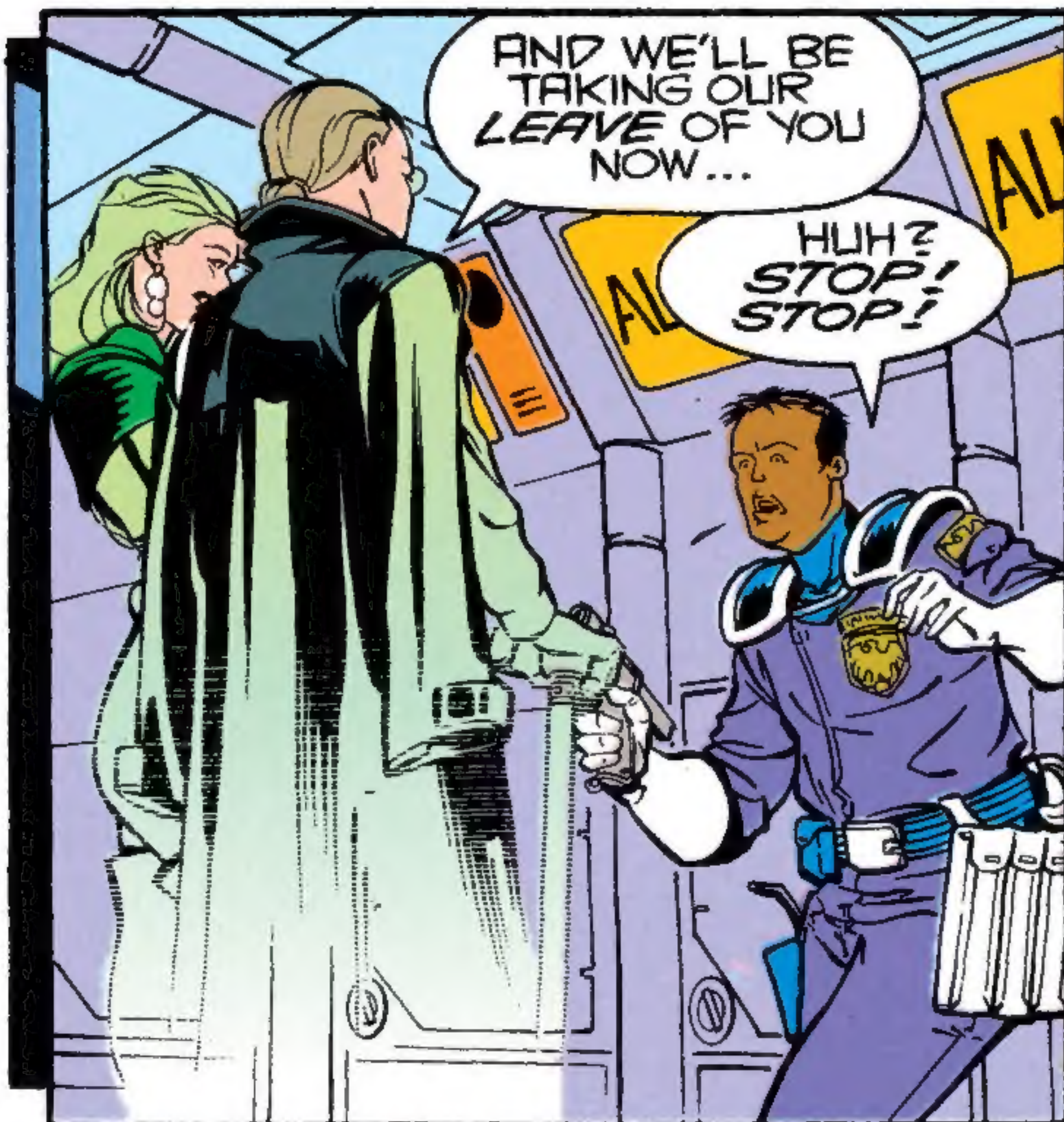
I HOPE YOU HAVE SOME,  
HEH, *EXPLANATIONS*  
READY FOR YOUR  
*SUPERIORS*.



ALERT!  
ALERT!

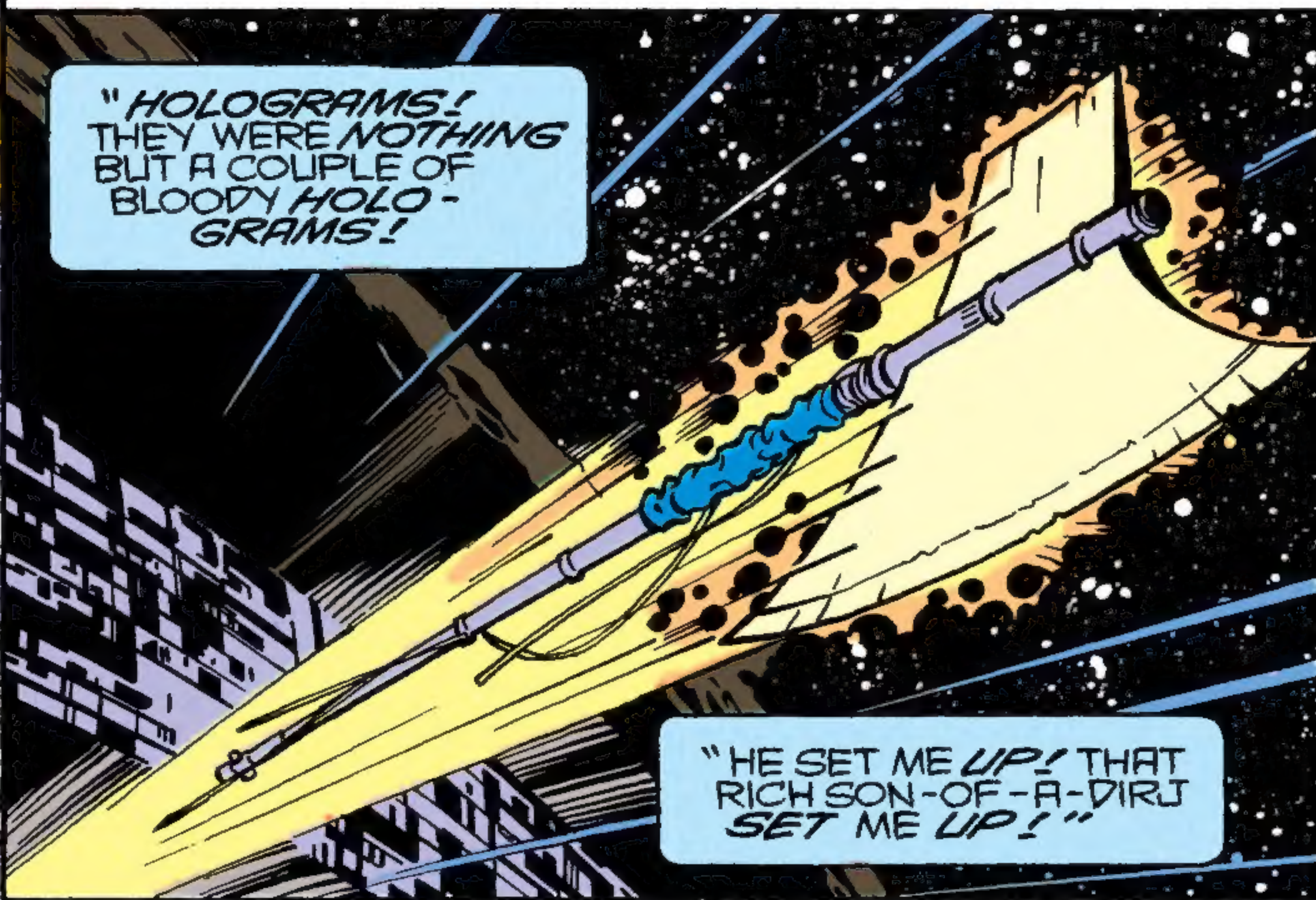
SECURITY  
BREACH!





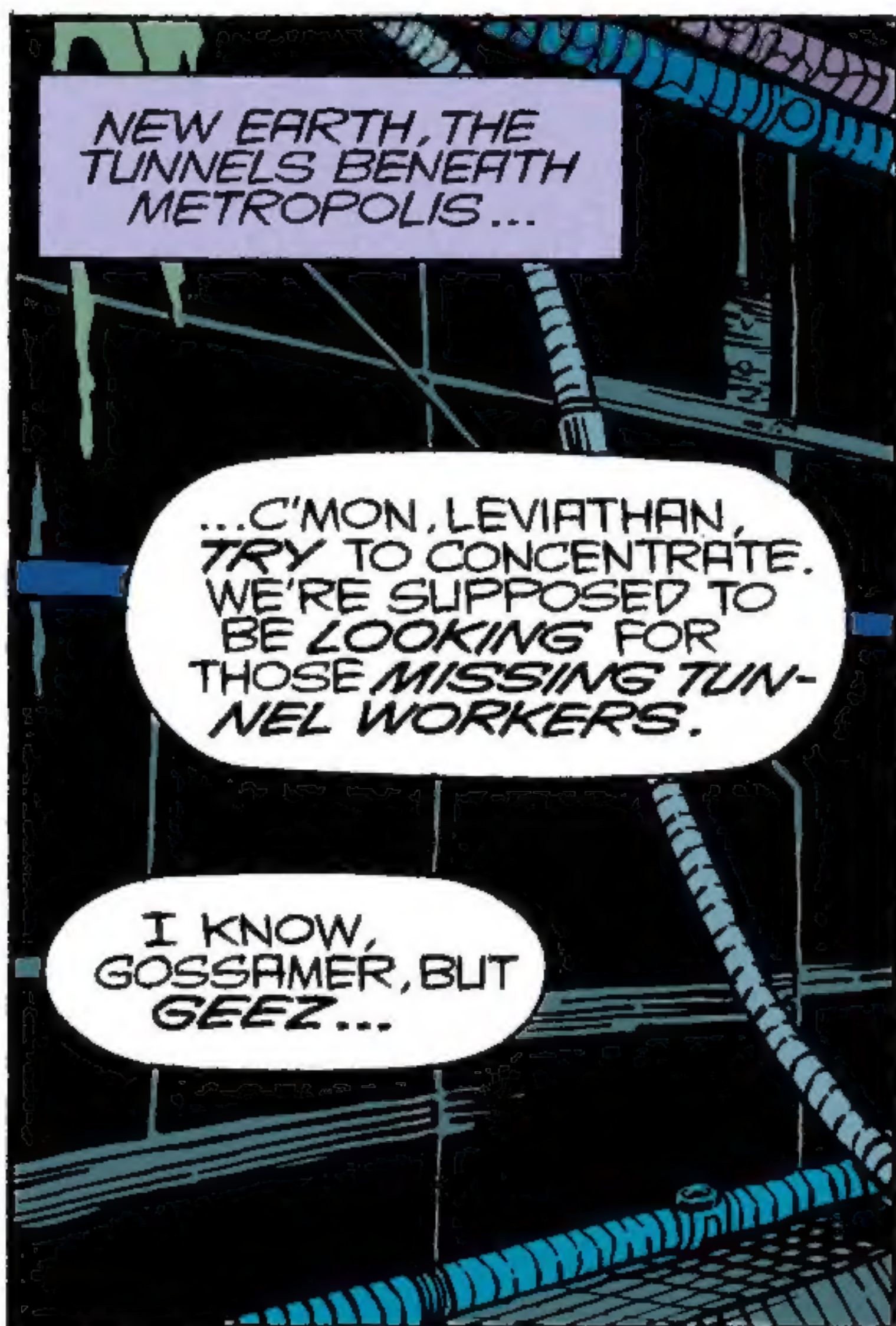
AND WE'LL BE  
TAKING OUR  
LEAVE OF YOU  
NOW...

HUH?  
STOP!  
STOP!



"HOLOGRAMS!  
THEY WERE NOTHING  
BUT A COUPLE OF  
BLOODY HOLO-  
GRAMS!"

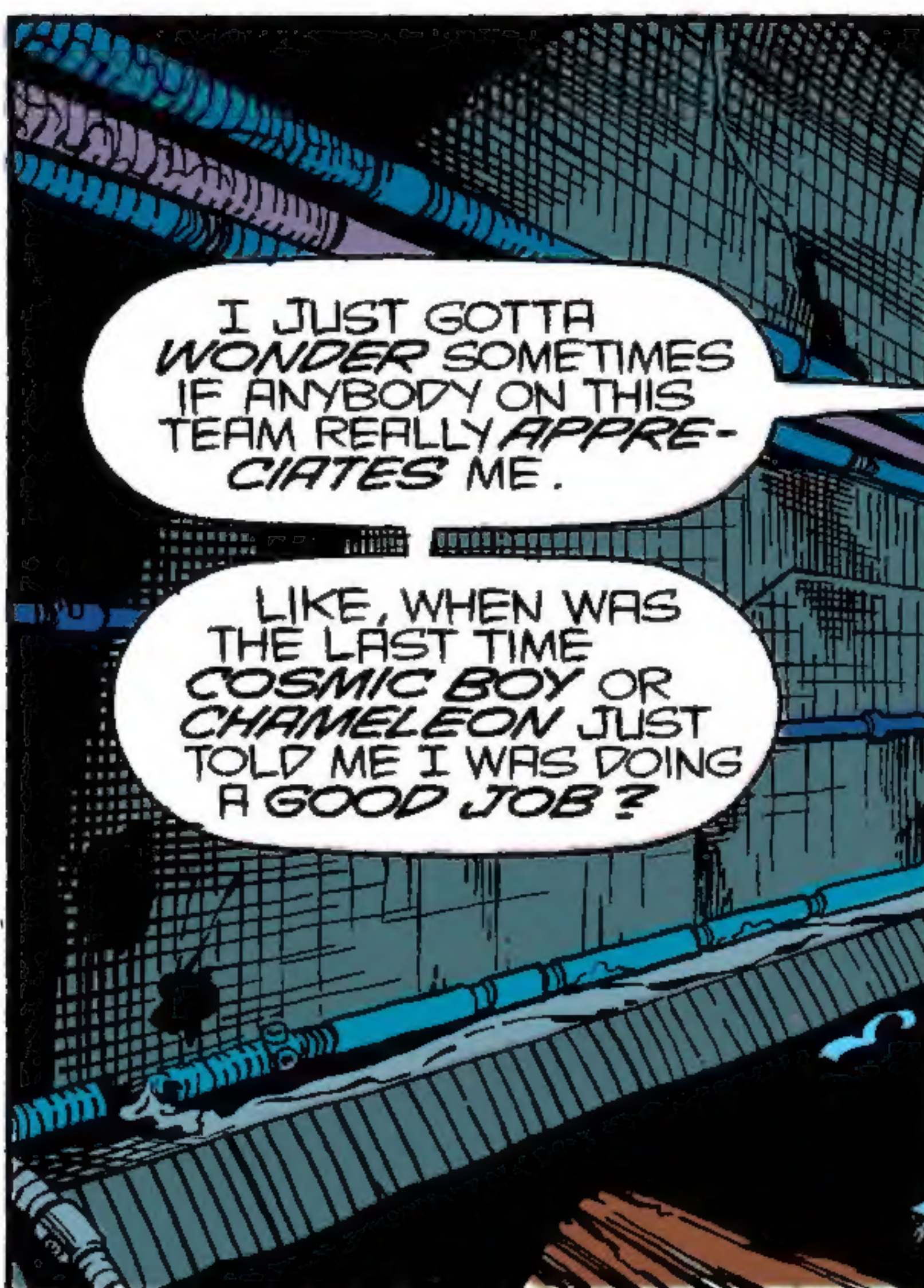
"HE SET ME UP! THAT  
RICH SON-OF-A-BITCH  
SET ME UP!"



NEW EARTH, THE  
TUNNELS BENEATH  
METROPOLIS...

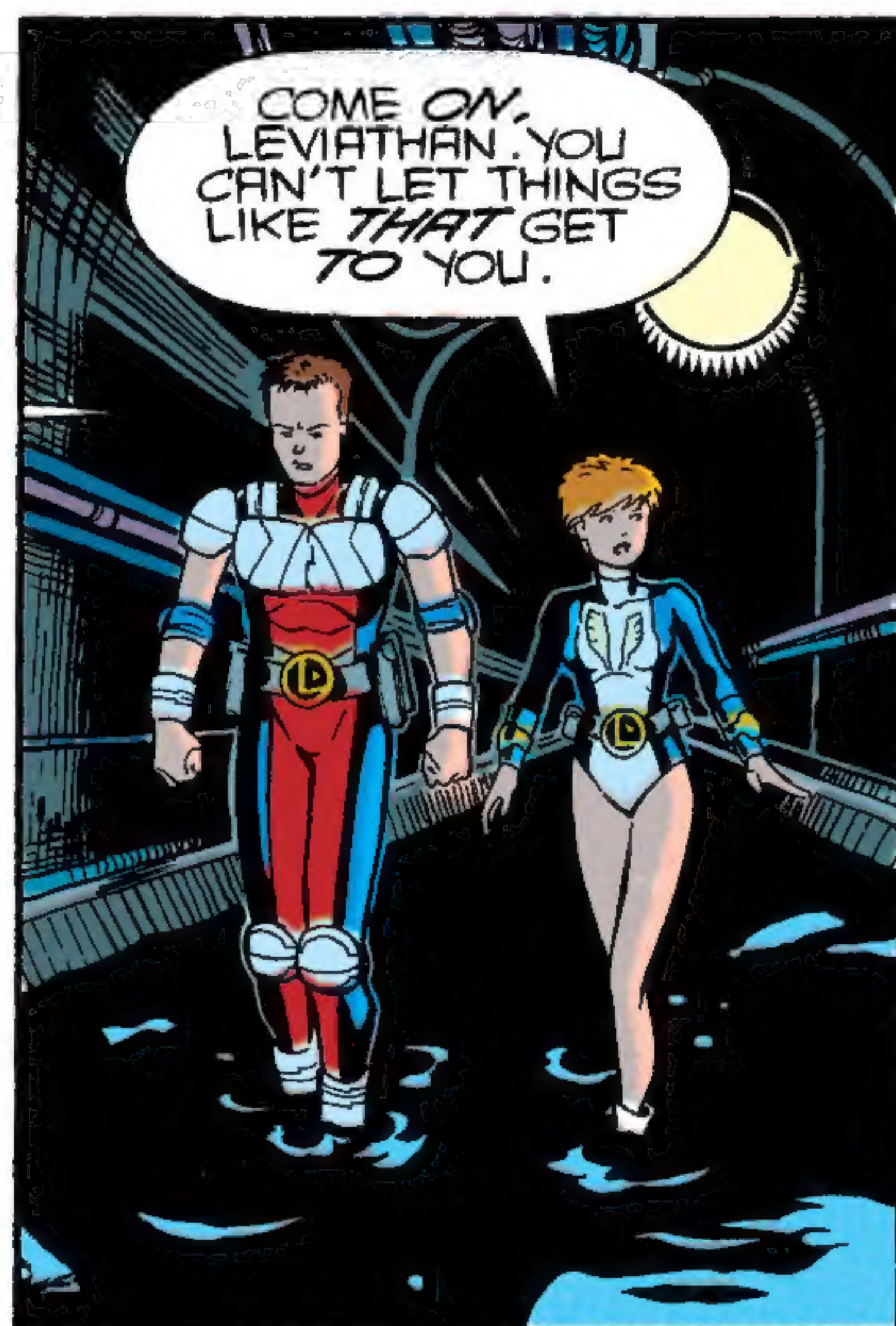
...C'MON, LEVIATHAN,  
TRY TO CONCENTRATE.  
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO  
BE LOOKING FOR  
THOSE MISSING TUN-  
NEL WORKERS.

I KNOW,  
GOSSAMER, BUT  
GEEZ...

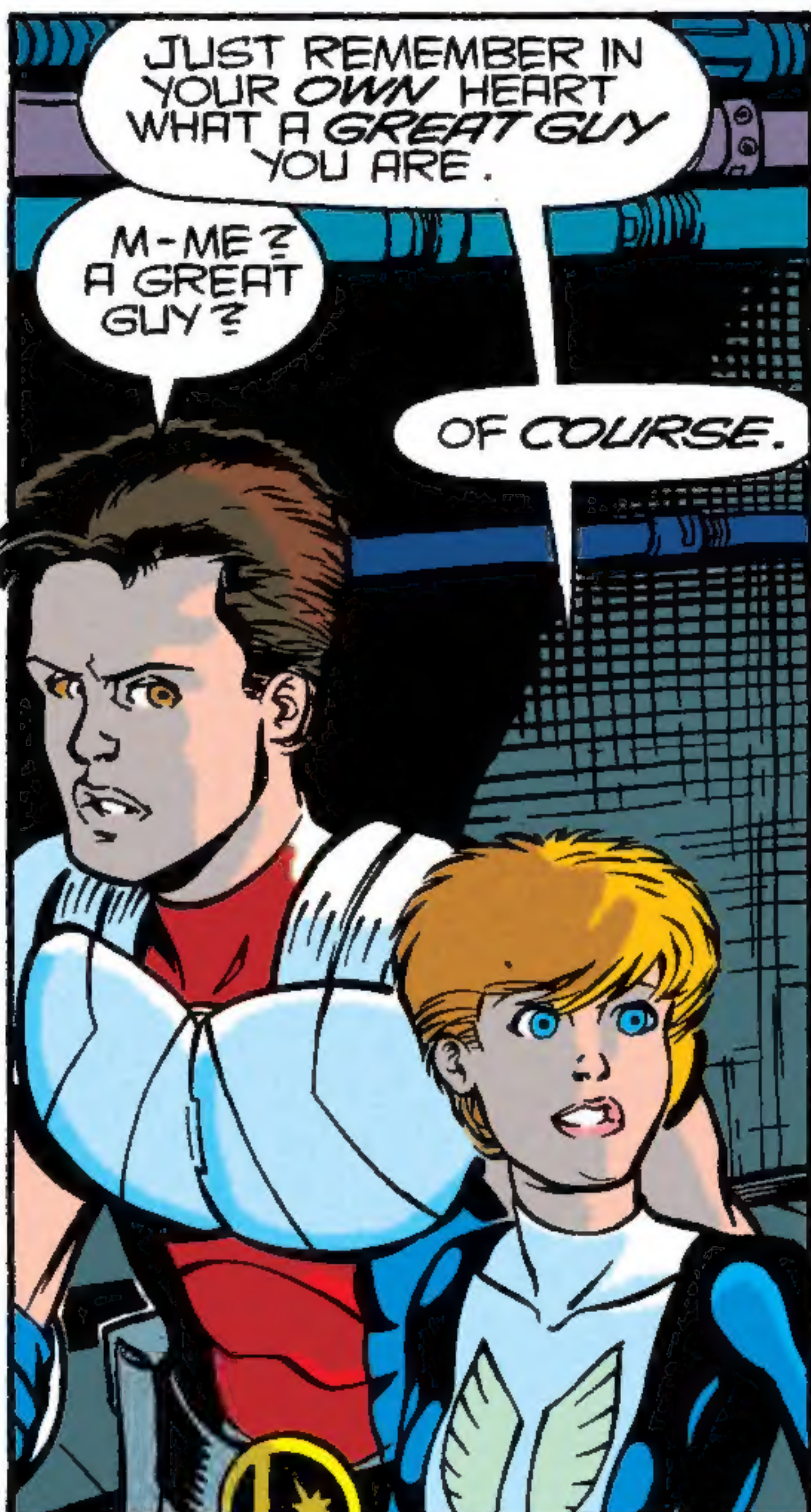


I JUST GOTTA  
WONDER SOMETIMES  
IF ANYBODY ON THIS  
TEAM REALLY APPRE-  
CIATES ME.

LIKE, WHEN WAS  
THE LAST TIME  
COSMIC BOY OR  
CHAMELEON JUST  
TOLD ME I WAS DOING  
A GOOD JOB?



COME ON,  
LEVIATHAN. YOU  
CAN'T LET THINGS  
LIKE THAT GET  
TO YOU.



JUST REMEMBER IN  
YOUR OWN HEART  
WHAT A GREAT GUY  
YOU ARE.

M-ME?  
A GREAT  
GUY?

OF COURSE.



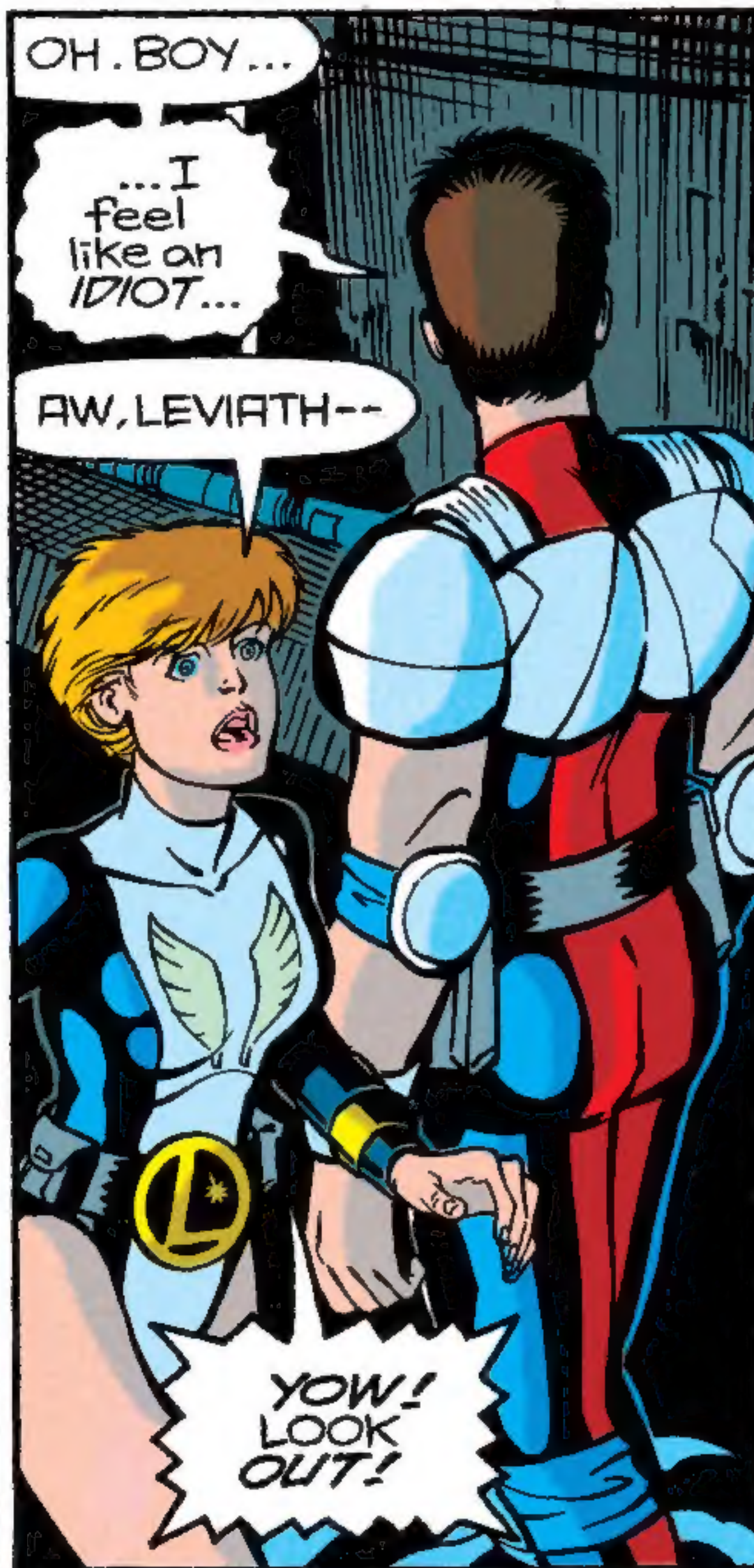
GOSH,  
GOSSAMER,  
I DIDN'T  
KNOW YOU  
FELT  
THAT WAY.



HSH HSH HSH

SHEESH,  
LEVIATHAN.

I DON'T  
FEEL  
THAT  
WAY!



OH. BOY...

...I  
feel  
like an  
IDIOT...

AW, LEVIATH--

YOW!  
LOOK  
OUT!



WROWWWW!!

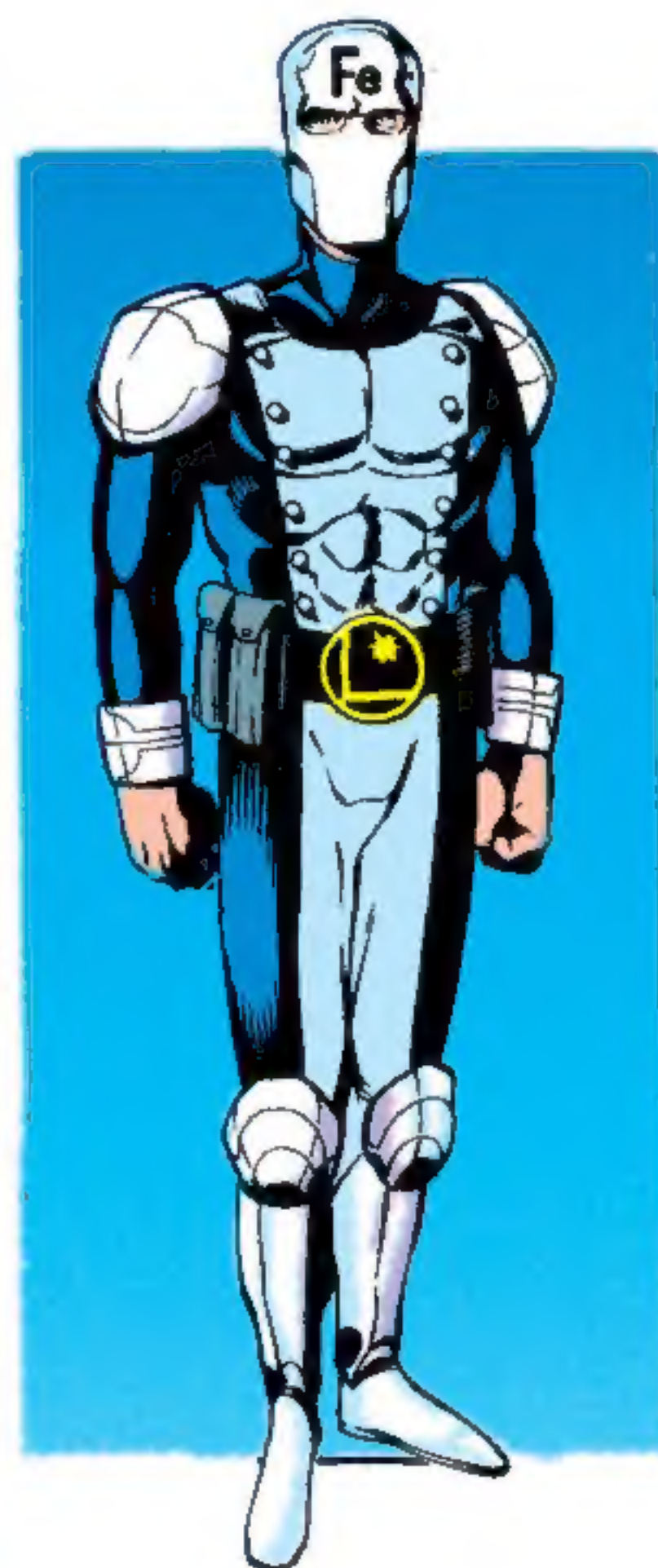
HOLY--!

WHAT  
THE HELL  
IS THAT?!

**NEXT:**  
TERROR IN  
THE TUNNELS!



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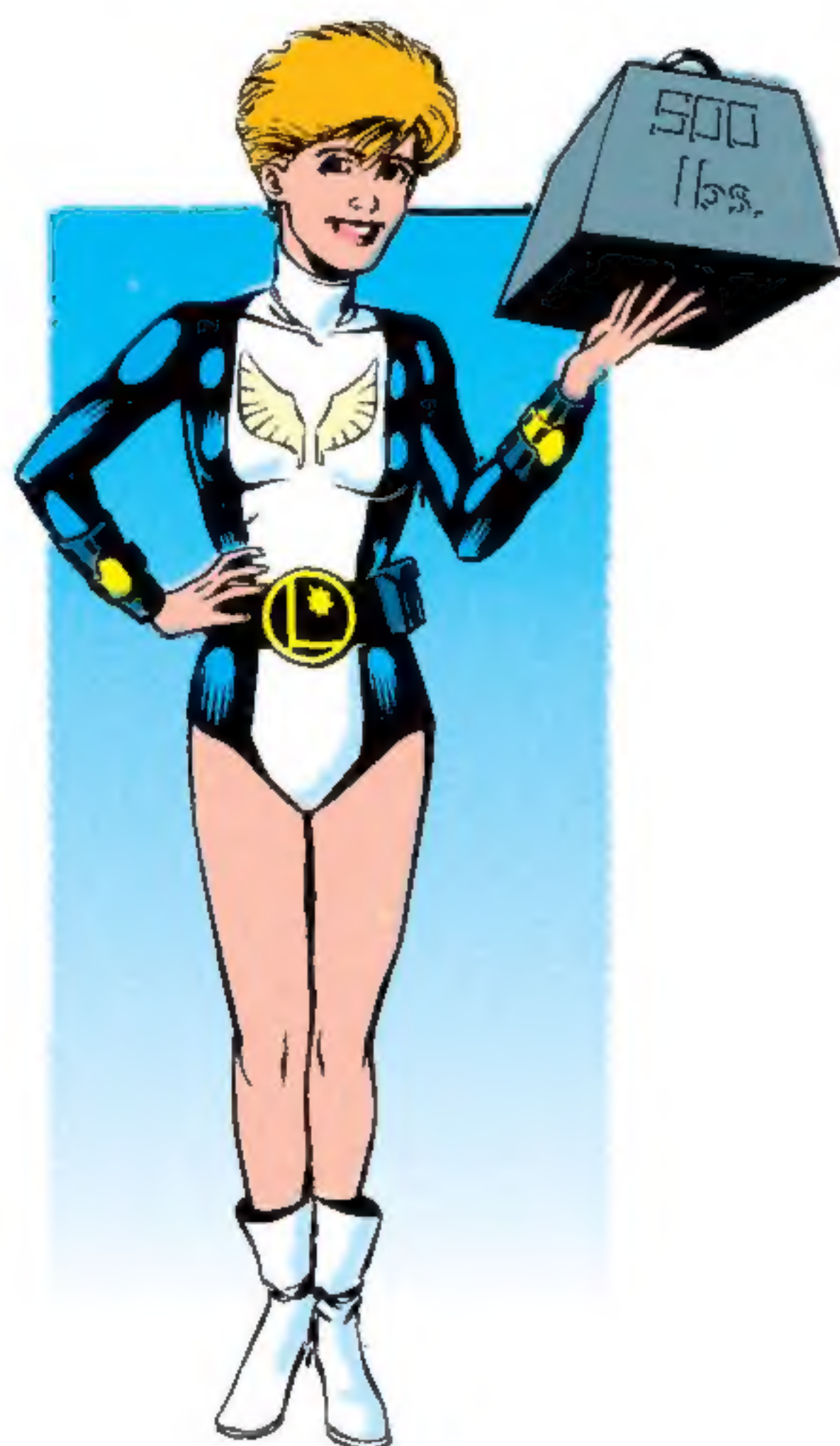
▲ **FERRO**  
Andrew Nolan of Earth

A carefree daredevil, Ferro was born with the mutant ability to turn his body to nearly invulnerable iron. But his "iron mask" hides a deeper tragedy — a birth defect which horribly scarred his face. Despite this, Ferro has a contagious, upbeat attitude toward life which helps to keep his more serious-minded teammates loose, especially in the midst of battle. In his iron form, Ferro can go for several days without food or rest, but must compensate with a long period of coma-like sleep to recover. His specially designed Legionnaire uniform turns to iron when he does. Because of his powers and abilities, Ferro is one of the toughest Legionnaires in a fight.

mistic and upbeat member. She is the twin sister of Live Wire and once had the same lightning powers that he does, until her powers were altered by Naltorian science. She has no "special" boyfriend, but is close friends with her brother's girlfriend, Saturn Girl, and enjoys helping both Shrinking Violet and Triad overcome their shyness.

▼ **GOSSAMER**  
Ayla Ranzz of Winath

Free-spirited and sweet, Gossamer is able to reduce the weight of other people and objects by canceling the effects of gravity on them. Although seemingly a "lightweight" power, Ayla is quite proficient and quick to use her abilities and can effortlessly lift many times her own weight, as well as many objects at once. Pixie-like and outgoing, Gossamer is the Legionnaires' most opti-



▲ **INFERNO**  
Dirk Morgna of Earth

Able to transform himself into a virtual living sun, Inferno is a flashy, dynamic ladies' man. Inferno gained his power over solar light and heat when he was locked in a solar reactor and left for dead by Dr. Zaxton Regulus, a jealous co-worker of Dirk's. Instead of dying, Dirk gained incredible solar powers, which he wields with an incredible degree of precision. He can generate heat great enough to melt any known substance and produce a light roughly as bright as the sun appears from Earth, yet Inferno himself is impervious to these effects of heat and light. With a personality to match his formidable powers, Inferno is one of the Legionnaires' top students of combat techniques and is extremely dedicated to the tactics and procedures of the Legion — although he will manipulate those same rules if it suits his goals. Many of his teammates are aware of his arrogant tendencies and his "out for himself" manner, but his charm, dedication and skillful politicking ultimately wins over everyone he meets. His closest friend, Live Wire, marvels at Inferno's abilities in attracting the ladies, a pursuit that Inferno relishes with a fervor.

▼ **INVISIBLE KID**  
Lyle Norg of Earth

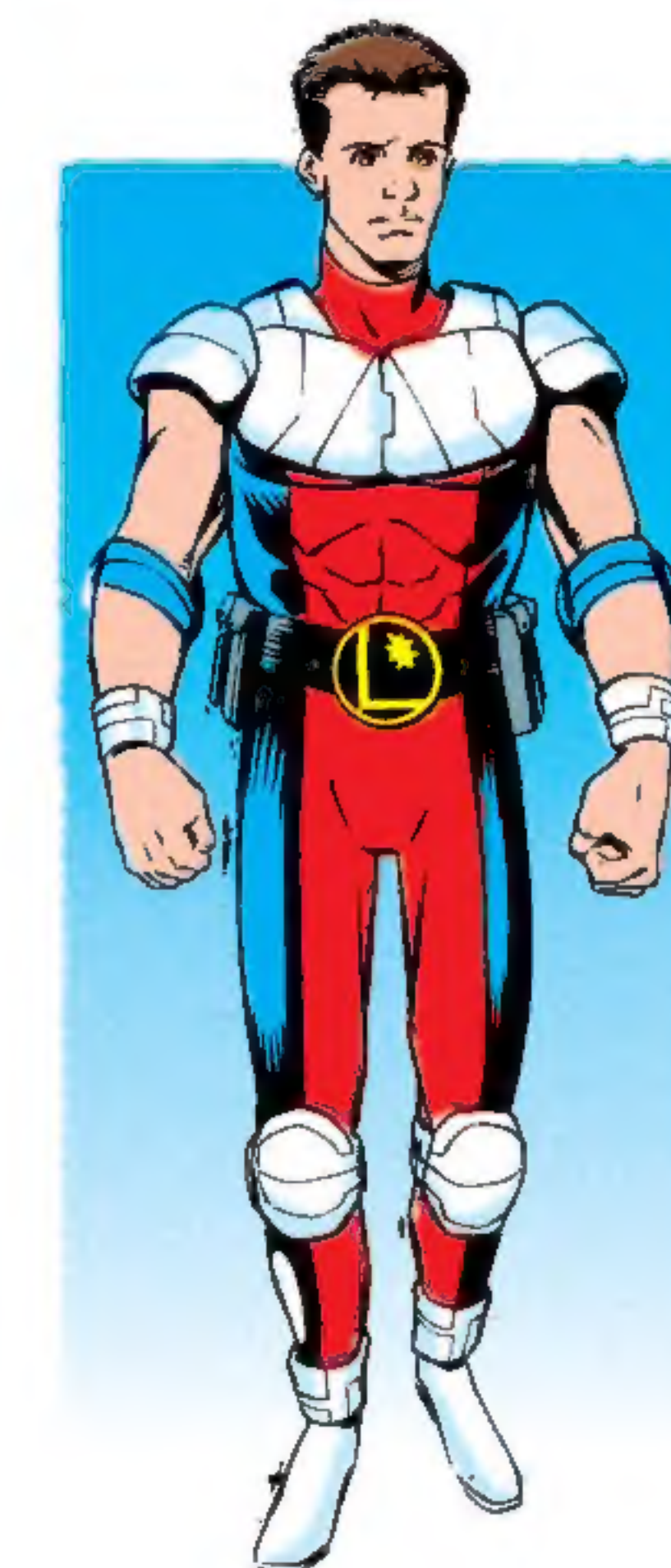
A quiet and introverted member, Invisible Kid is a genius who invented a serum that gave him the power of invisibility. Second only to Brainiac 5 in intelligence, Lyle is a studious young man, dedicated to scientific pursuits, and he generally feels oddly distanced from some of the more boisterous Legionnaires, such as Live Wire and Inferno. He is able to turn himself and his clothing invisible but can still be detected through heat sensors, radar or telepathy. Due to these limitations, Invisible Kid is a dedicated student of Legionnaire fighting techniques, but he lacks some of the



aggressive fire to truly excel in this area. His true strength lies in stealth and covert missions, and he is a permanent member of the Legionnaires' Espionage Squad, where he sometimes serves as field leader. Invisible Kid's closest Legionnaire friend is Brainiac 5, although Lyle cannot comprehend why "Brainy" expends so much time and energy pursuing Andromeda. Lyle himself is extremely shy around the Legionnaire women, although many of them find the shy, quiet Invisible Kid very cute.

▼ **LEVIATHAN**  
Gim Allon of Earth

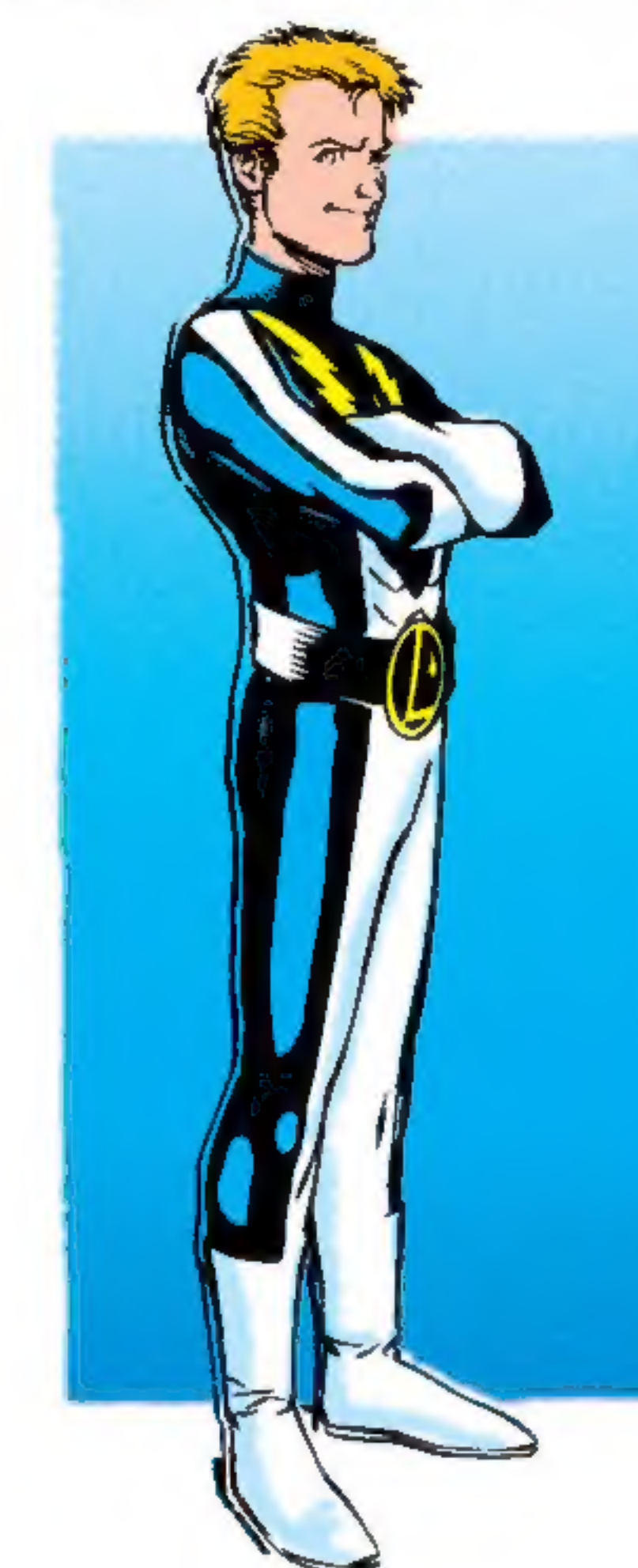
Dedicated and selfless, Leviathan can grow in size to a maximum height of about 25 feet, acquiring proportionate strength and mass as he grows. While on the verge



of graduating from the Science Police Academy, Gim gained his powers from the strange radiations of a falling meteor. Combining his Police Academy law enforcement and hand-to-hand combat skills with extensive Legionnaire training, Leviathan is one of the team's best fighters, especially in "down-and-dirty" scraps. Despite this, Gim has a slight self-image problem, as he often feels unworthy and manages to keep himself in a constant state of frustration by setting impossible goals for himself and the people around him. He is also an incurable romantic, who drifts through many unrequited "crushes" on his female teammates, especially Shrinking Violet. Despite these shortcomings, the Legionnaires are genuinely fond of Leviathan and good-naturedly bemused by his mostly self-induced misfortunes.

▼ **LIVE WIRE**  
Garth Ranzz of Winath

Brash and impulsive, Live Wire gained his lightning powers after being attacked by the Lightning Beasts on the planet Korbal. Although powerful enough to hit an adversary with a charge as powerful as the most destructive lightning bolts, Garth lacks absolute control of his power, due to his arrogance concerning the training and honing of his skills. Although undisciplined, Live Wire is still a formidable fighter, with or without his lightning powers. One of the three founding members of the team (with Saturn Girl and Cosmic Boy), Live Wire is a master politician who can easily sway many of the Legionnaires on important issues. His dangerous and brash approach is largely tolerated due to this charisma as well as his skill in hiding his indiscretions. His close friends Cosmic Boy and Saturn Girl are aware of his



potentially damaging personality, but many of the other Legionnaires remain susceptible to Garth's powers of persuasion. Garth's "steady" is Saturn Girl, but he spends a fair amount of time carousing and womanizing with his buddy Inferno, although his flirting is quite discreet. Live



Wire's twin sister Gossamer is also a Legionnaire.

### ▼ **MATTER-EATER LAD**

Tenzil Kem of Bismoll

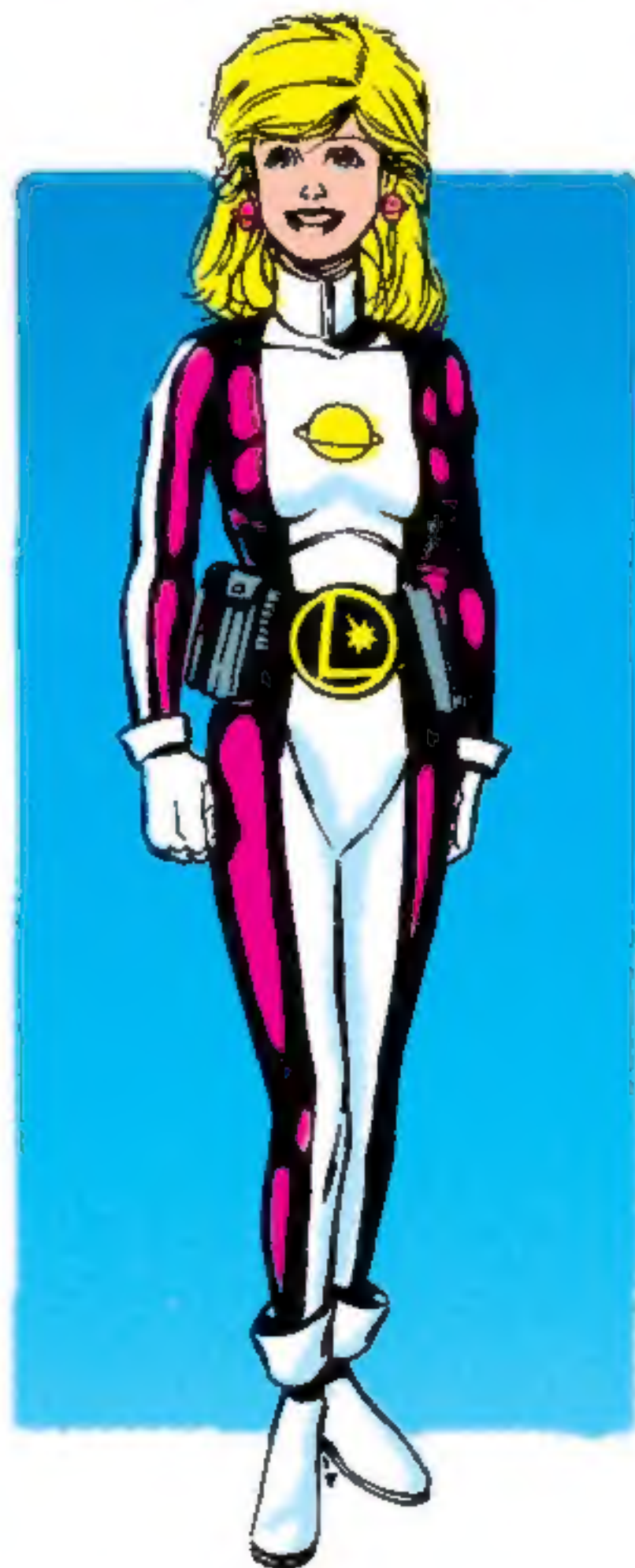
Like everyone on the planet Bismoll, Tenzil is able to eat matter in any form. Unlike the rest of his race, however, Tenzil realizes that this is an absurd, silly ability, and refuses to take it seriously — or anything else, for that matter. Wry Tenzil generally entertains the other Legionnaires with his antics, and he is often



a welcome diversion after battles and missions. Realizing that his matter-eating ability is fairly useless in a fight, Tenzil actually takes his hand-to-hand combat training seriously. Plus, his instinct for self-preservation is so keen that he can talk himself out of most combat situations by totally confusing his attackers with a barrage of non sequiturs unequaled in the 30th century. Amiable and likable, Tenzil has many friends among the Legionnaires, but has a special fondness for shy Shrinking Violet as he attempts to draw her out of her shell.

### ▼ **SATURN GIRL** Imra Ardeen of Titan

A dedicated and highly disciplined telepath, Saturn Girl is one of the most powerful and accomplished telepaths in the history of Titan, one of the moons of Saturn. She can read thoughts, probe into deep memories, plant false thoughts and communicate telepathically with one or more people. She can also telepathically link the Legionnaires during battle. Saturn Girl has vowed never to probe the minds of any of her Legionnaires teammates without their consent. The massive responsibility that accompanies her powers has also dictated the course of her life — Imra firmly believes that her extraordinary powers should be used at all times for the good of society, making her personal needs secondary. Because of this, she allows herself little time for socializing, shopping or boys. This self-discipline often gives her



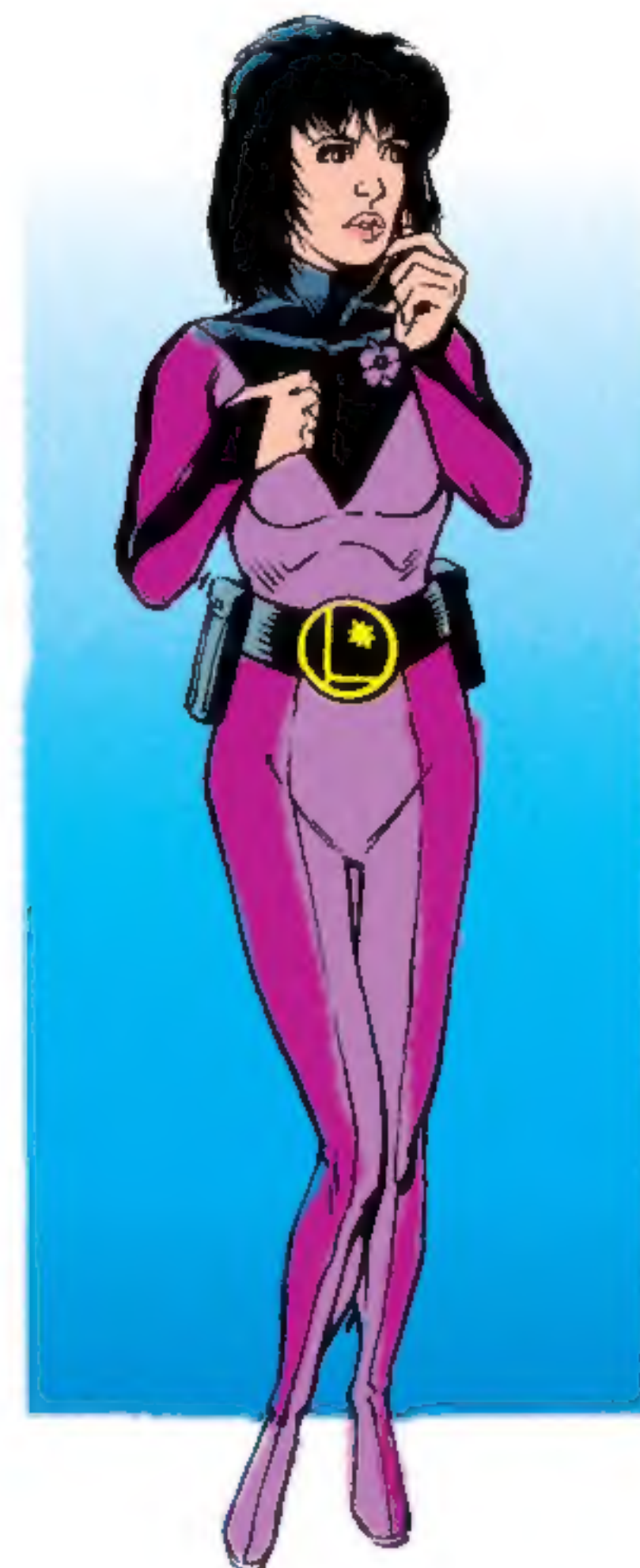
the appearance of being cold or aloof to her teammates and has led to some unflattering nicknames ("Iron Butt," "Ice Maiden") being applied to her by Apparition. In reality, Imra is a warm and deeply caring person, best demonstrated by her feelings toward the similar-

ly misunderstood Live Wire. Besides Garth, Saturn Girl's closest Legionnaire friends include Cosmic Boy and Brainiac 5, yet another overly-dedicated workaholic.

### ▼ **SHRINKING VIOLET**

Salu Digby of Imsk

Exhibiting all of the characteristics of her code name, Violet is shy and unassertive; however, deep within her resides a bold rebelliousness, which allowed her to apply for Legionnaire membership in the first place to satisfy secret desires for adventure and romance. Like all inhabitants of the planet Imsk, Violet has the ability to shrink to sub-atomic size at will, generating



a protective aura which also shrinks her clothing and provides her with a small supply of oxygen. Violet is fiercely proud of her Imskian roots as well as extremely loyal to her Legionnaire friends. She also serves on the Legionnaires Espionage Squad, although frequently reluctant to do so. Nervous and shy around her male teammates, Violet nonetheless is very curious about boys and often shares her secret crushes with her close friend, Triad.